Stratford Academic High

1999

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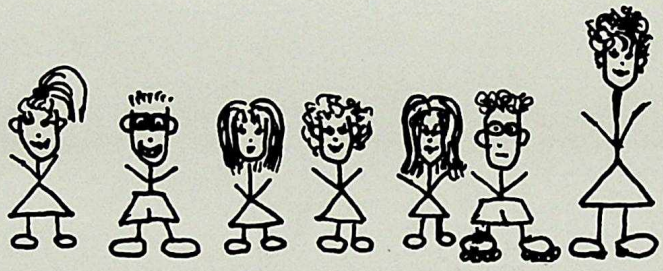

Yearbook staff. LEFT TO RIGHT: Michelle Cheung, Marc Mahe, Jennise Swanson, Kelsey Kimery, Laura Rochford, Alex Witt, Mrs. Frisk (P.S. Thanks Sarah Kehler for your extra help over the summer).

Message from the Editors

This year has been one that's been very fast paced and packed with a lot of events, activities and trips. Friends have been made, friendships have grown stronger, and this yearbook is here to help you preserve some of those moments that have already been fixed into our memories.

The yearbook staff has worked very hard for this and we hope that you will like the final product. We would like to thank the members of the staff that put that extra effort into making this work out. Also, I would like to send a big thank-you to Mrs. Frisk for her advice and guidance into helping us make the yearbook. We couldn't have done it without you!

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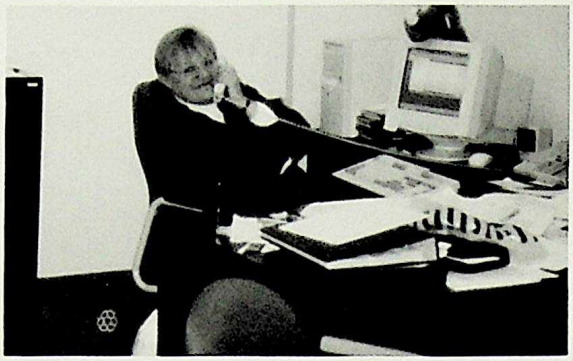
Message from the Principal



The minutes of our lives pass so quickly that often we are unaware of the precious nature of the moment. We live as if these times are infinite, as if our friendships and our youth endure forever. Too soon our paths diverge, and all that remains are memories.

Our yearbooks then become very precious records of portions of our lives. They provide the spark that warms the ashes of memory and once again, a gift, we relive moments of youth. In adolescence we live and dream intensely; we grow enormously. The young men and women struggle to emerge from within the children. These are passionate times filled with elation and despair. The people we become are taking shape; the character of the adult is being formed.

Cherish your yearbook for the gift of memory that it is . . It was made with care and love to record a very special period in your lives.

Mary Neely

Time Capsules

Grade Nine

- Mr. MacNab's old moustache
- Naz's calculator
- Ms. Ament's old prom dress
- A pair of boots the Grade 9 boys wear
- School yearbook

Grade Ten

- Picture of Mr. Schlegel
- Pictures of friends
- Yearbook
- Second cup coffee
- "Tim" the stuffed bear

Grade Eleven

- Black couch
- Hockey stick for intramurals
- Bus pass
- Newspaper articles about Bosnian visit
- Sport medals

Student Union

Student Union members. FROM TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: Aliya Rajani, Ms. Ament, Joseph Henke, Kathryn Litke, Jade Koledoye, Jessica Drnek, Kimberly Picard, Jamie Lyons, Jodi Goebel, Malika Visanji, Michael Capus and Faizal Javer. (Where is Paul Goebel?)

1999

President's Message

It is with immense pride that I have served you as the Students' Council President of this little community known to us as "Stratford." The Stratford student body of 1998-1999 has been the pivotal force behind the spirit and unity found in the halls of Stratford. The support of students has allowed the walls of Stratford to come alive. Successful activities including the Wake-a-thon, Halloween and Valentines Weeks, the Christmas turkey luncheon, BBQs and Dances have added that little spice to our educational pursuits. Our year end activity Stress Buster Day and Stratford Pride lifted our spirits one last time to build our drives for the upcoming final exams. The cliché "one for all, and all for one" is a dominant mindset around our school.

When mentioning our successes we must not forget the support of our parents and teachers. The beautification project of Stratford's Student Lounge, which is now the central meeting point of our school, was possible due to the support and donations of our parents and teachers. The close networking between council and administration, Ms. Neely in particular, is what allowed us to fulfill our vision as a council to better serve you. We thank you.

The one person without whom none of this could have been possible, is Ms. Ament. Thank-you. No Students' Council can function without a committed group of individuals who commit to meeting weekly, organizing various events, and taking on much added responsibility on top of their academic pursuits. Thank you for all your hard work.

It is with much sadness and yet with great pride that I bid you a fond farewell. Thank you for this unique experience to serve you and may many doors open for all of us as the Stratford chapter of some of our lives comes to a close.

Aliya Rajani

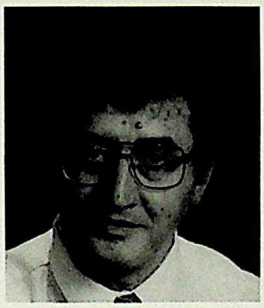
FACULTY

Faculty

M. Neely

C. Ament

C. Belyea



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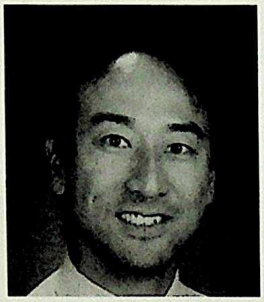
D. Brown

J. Burgess



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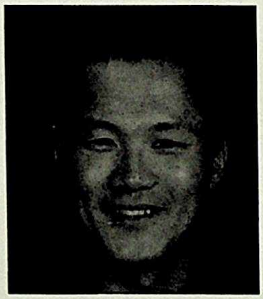
E. Dezse

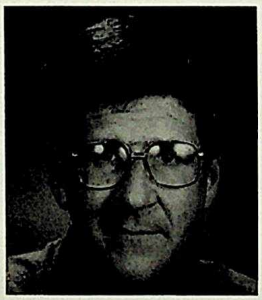
B. Frisk

J. Horwood



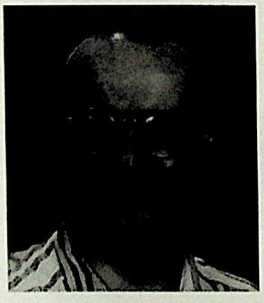
P. Jap

D. Kazakoff

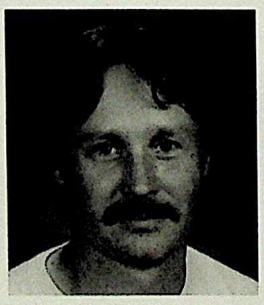


J. Larbalestier

D. Lehnhoff



J. MacNab



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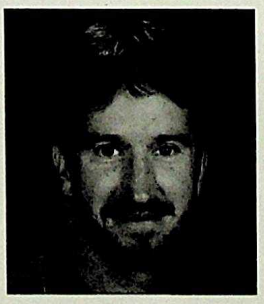
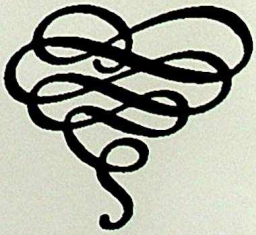


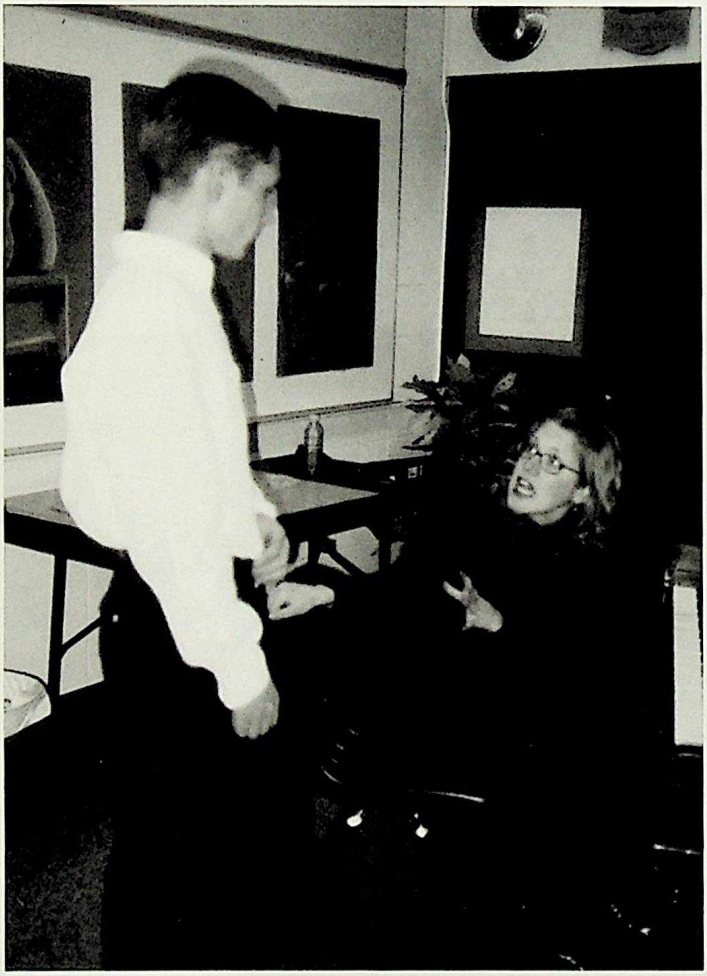
M. Schlegel

S. Sookochoff



Mr. Schlegel preparing food for the staff luncheon???!!!

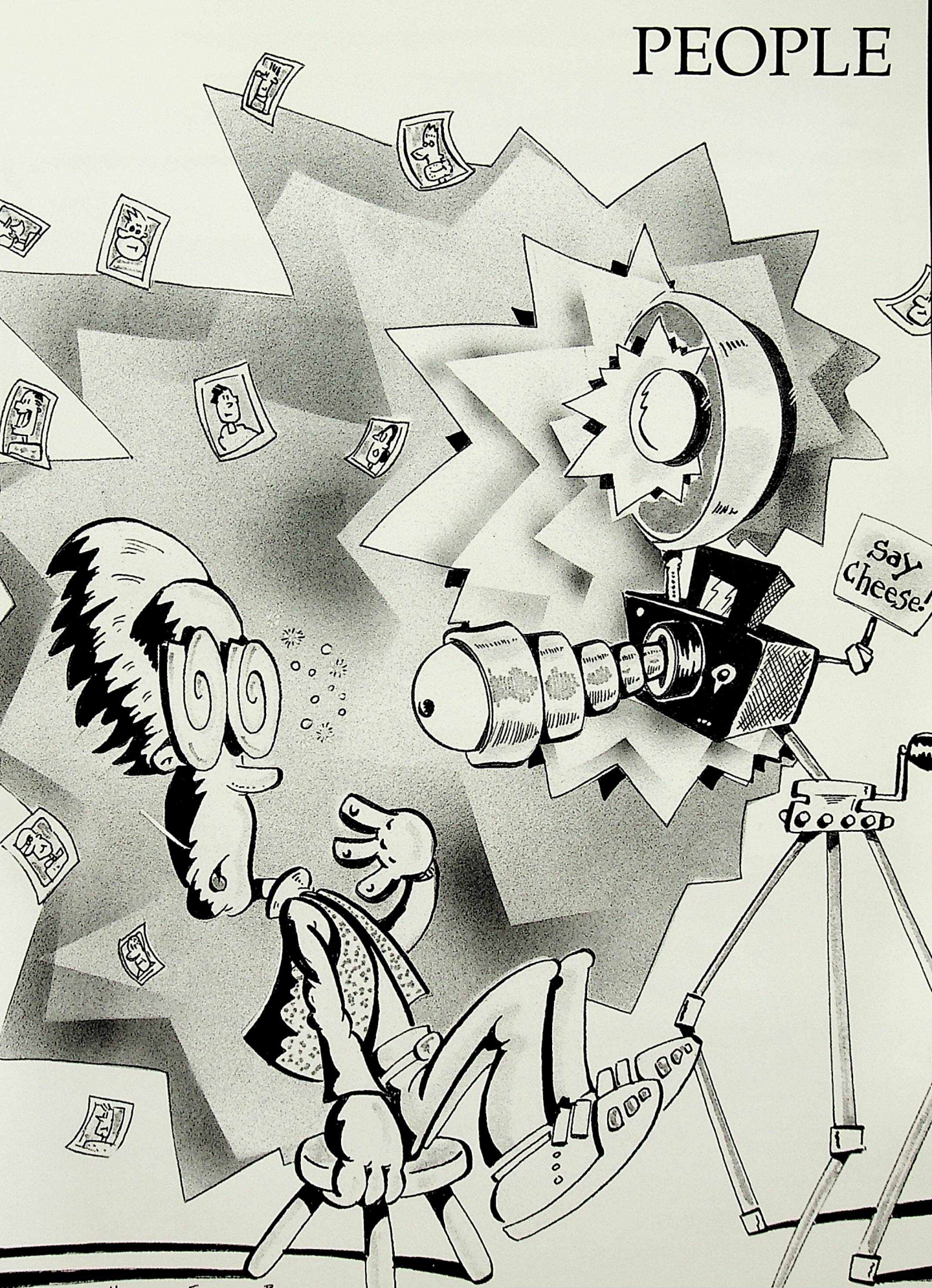
Mr. Larb - having "just another dreamy fall day"



Ms. Burgess and Matt Good having another lively discussion during choir rehearsal.

Mr. Chow running through the "water brigade" - used when teacher's are late for class.

PEOPLE



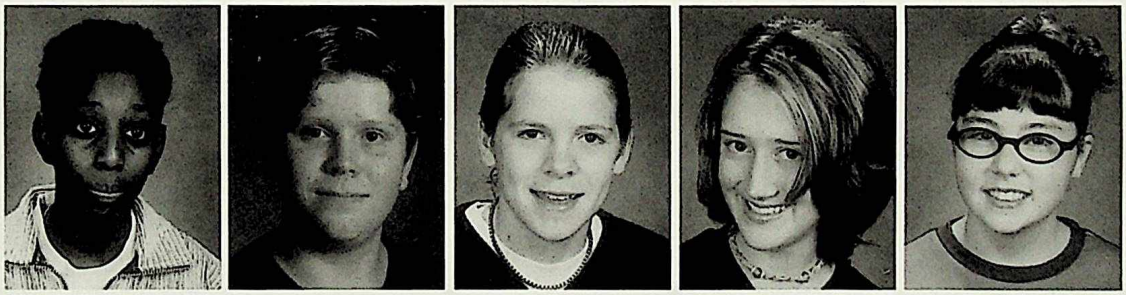
Grade Nine

Student Council Rep.:
Kathryn Litke

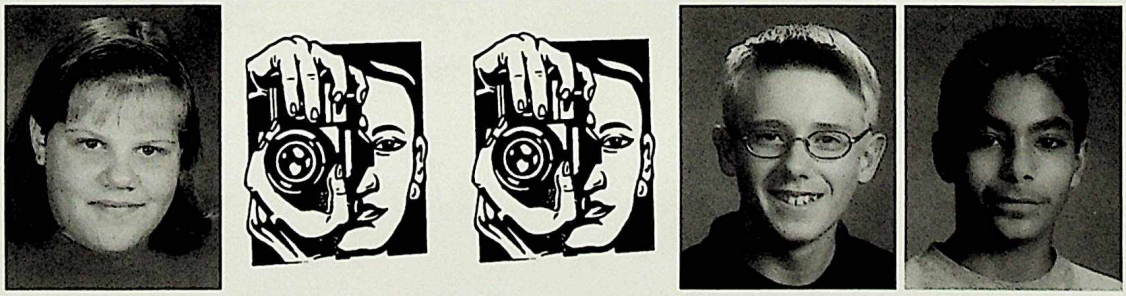
This year has been an inspiration to us all. I feel we have all grown and learned so much about each other and ourselves. Grade nine is a year filled with lots of change and learning as we try to fit into a group of older and much more mature people. We have had fun together and learned a lot about each other and who we are inside. We have all made so many new friends. This year rocked and I think that next year should be even better.

Russell Gaudet just "hanging around" after Stress Buster Day.

Nazrawi Admassu
Gregory Anderson
Kim Askew
Kathleen Bellows
Sara Campbell



Valerie Deruiter
Fraser Duncan
Russell Gaudet
Robin Hinton
Irfan Keshwani

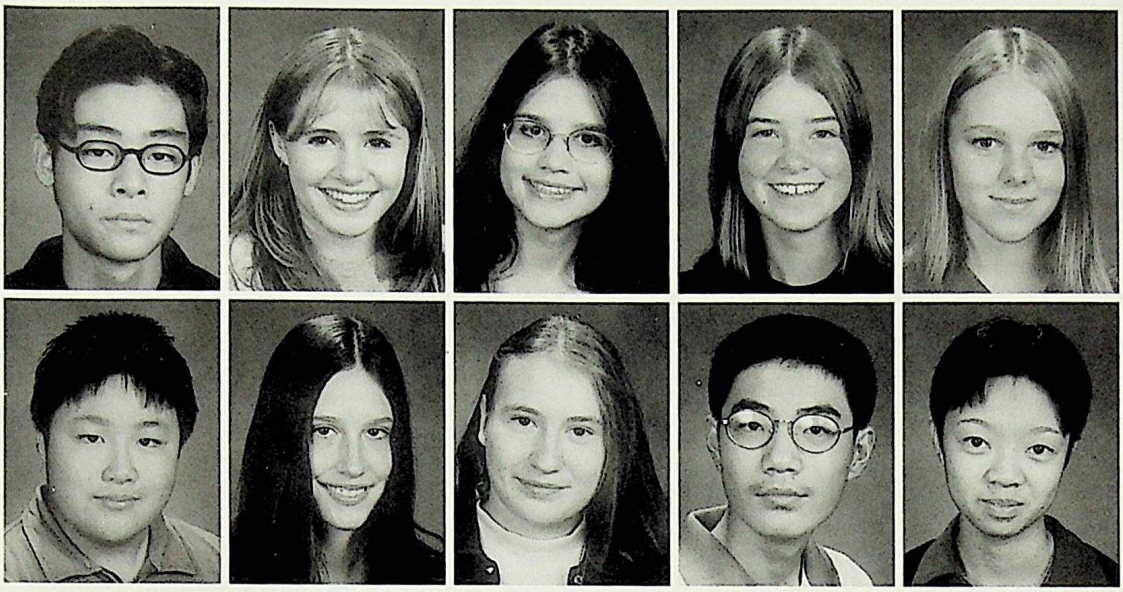


What has been the most difficult adjustment you have had to make in this transition year?

"The biggest thing was leaving my friends in Winnipeg and my old school." Kim Askew

"The hardest thing about coming to a high school that is 9-12, is not having a grade 9 grad at the end of the year." Erin Nicol

"I came to school this year from Hong Kong. For sure, English was my most difficult adjustment. I didn't know anything. The teachers were doing a lot of different things compared to how it was in Hong Kong." Jacky Lam

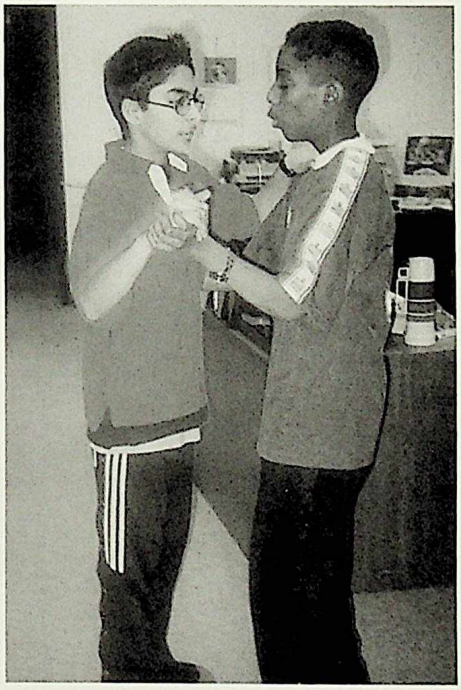


Jacky Lam
Jane Lee
Kathryn Litke
Erin Nicol
Brandy Pelechaty

Wally Qiu
Kathy Tolsma
Jana Velikonja
Peter Wang
Tracy Wong

Kathy Tolsma and Sara Campbell practicing their "Betty Crocker" skills.

Irfan Keshwani and Naz Admassu practice the two step. One question - who's going to lead?



"You have to learn how to act differently and merge with the high school crowd - the maturity levels change in high school. You learn that different things are more important than they used to be." Kathryn Litke

"More work, harder tests and less time on assignments was a big adjustment for me. Also, I was looking forward to a grade 9 grad." Valerie DeRuiter

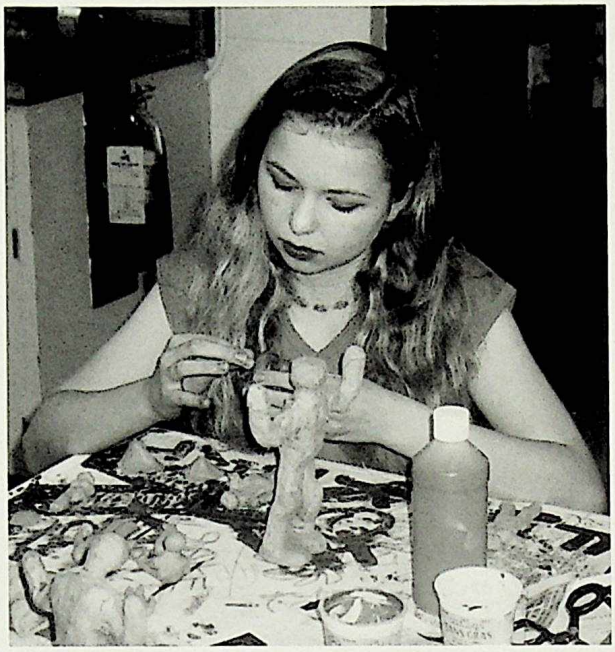
"The hardest transition was having to study harder because at my old school we hardly had to do anything to get a good mark." Jana Velikonja

"All the work was a big factor coming to high school. It made it a whole lot easier with the help of my friends and the teachers who were more than willing to help whenever needed." Russ Gaudet

Grade Ten

This year on the Student Council, I have had the chance to work with some extraordinary people. Being one of our school council representatives, I have worked with a group of adults who are very committed to making Stratford a better place. We have all done a fabulous job and keep up the good work.

Michael Capus
Grade 10 Student Council Rep



Tessa Hamula working on some clay sculptures.

Below: Jackson Ho ready to run a cross-country race.

Lucia, Elissa, Jennifer and Anna "snug as bugs" in their snow hut.

Name someone you admire and give some descriptive words that explain why you admire him/her.

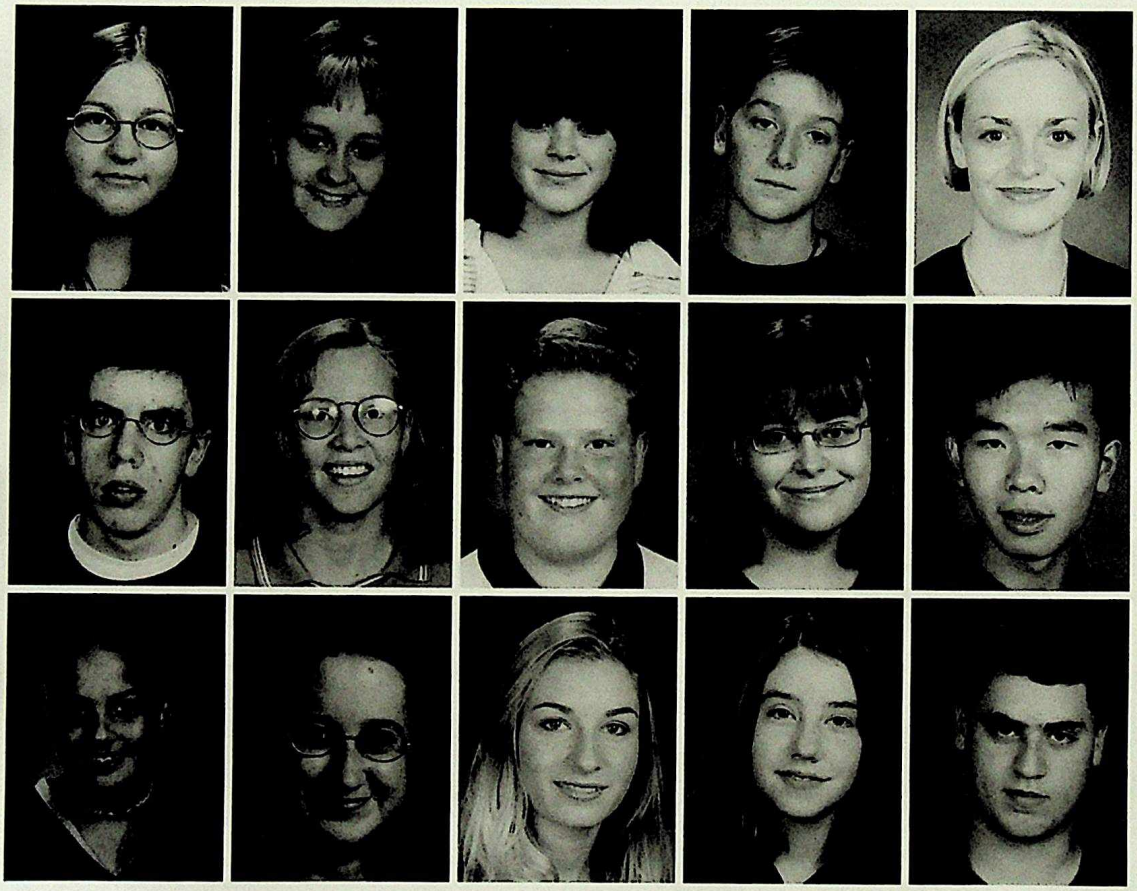
"Dominik Hasek - he has an inhuman ability to save very close to all pucks that come at him." Candace Armstrong

"I admire my uncle because he had some problems in his life, but turned it around - even though it was real hard to do." Patricia Hall

"I admire Michael Jordan for his talent and inspiration." Lucia Popovici

Left: "Friends forever." Candice and Kendra

Right: Kelly Hazlett enjoying her Easter bonnet.



Kimberly Anderson
Candice Armstrong
Christine Bezanson
Tom Bonar
Kimberly Bradburn

Gavin Brown
Amanda Bullee
Michael Capus
Rebecca Carter
Derwin Cheng

Christy Davidson
Elissa Dombrosky
Jessica Drnek
Tarah Duncan
David Feldman

"I admire my parents because they are understanding, supportive and caring." Sanny Lam

"I admire Nickolas Allen (a fencer) for his strength, courage and intelligence." Petal Hutchinson

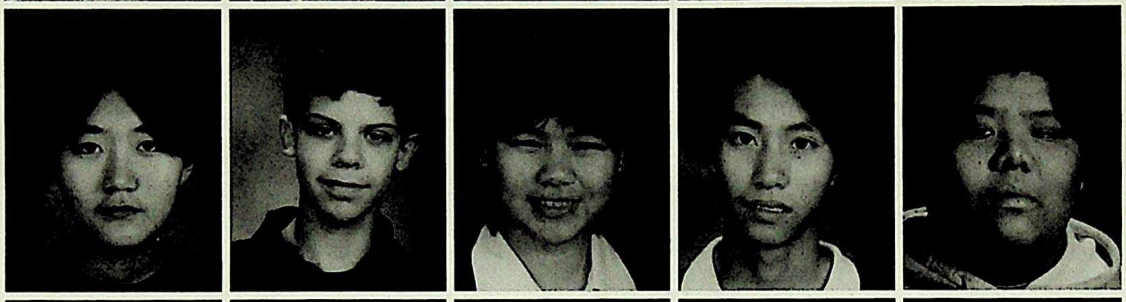
"I admire Vince Carter because he can dunk and he plays for a Canadian team." Kelvin Lau

"I admire my parents because whenever I am having a hard time, my parents always take care of me and give me good advice." Jenny Moon

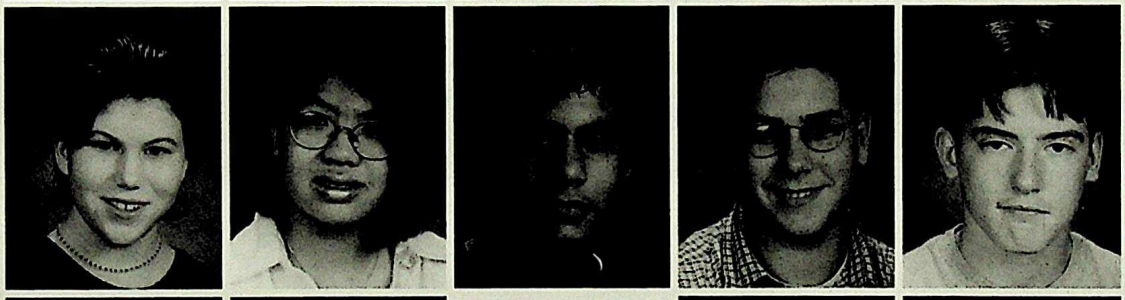
Jenna Freeman
Hayley Gregg
Tessa Hamula
Jeremy Harper
Kelly Hazlett

Patricia Hill
Jackson Ho
Dustin Howg
Petal Hutchinson
Fiyaz Keshwani

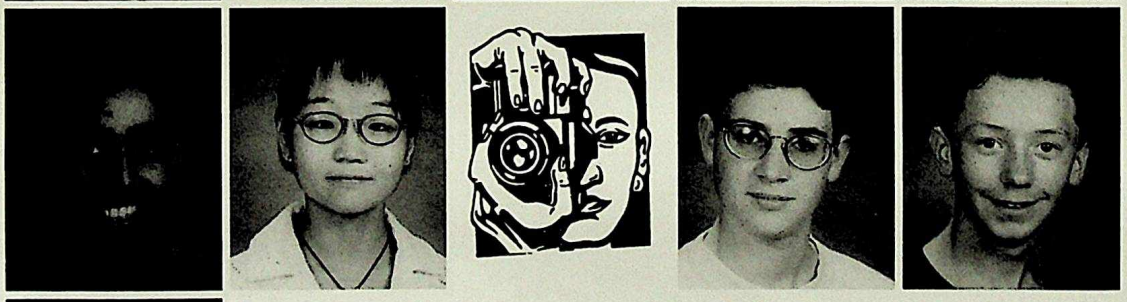
Gahyun Kim
Adam Kiraly
San Lam
Kelvin Lau
John Lieu



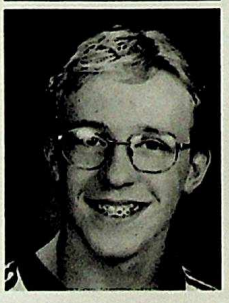
Kendra Livingstone
Michelle Mah
Vikram Mangat
David Maurice
Jonathon McMahon



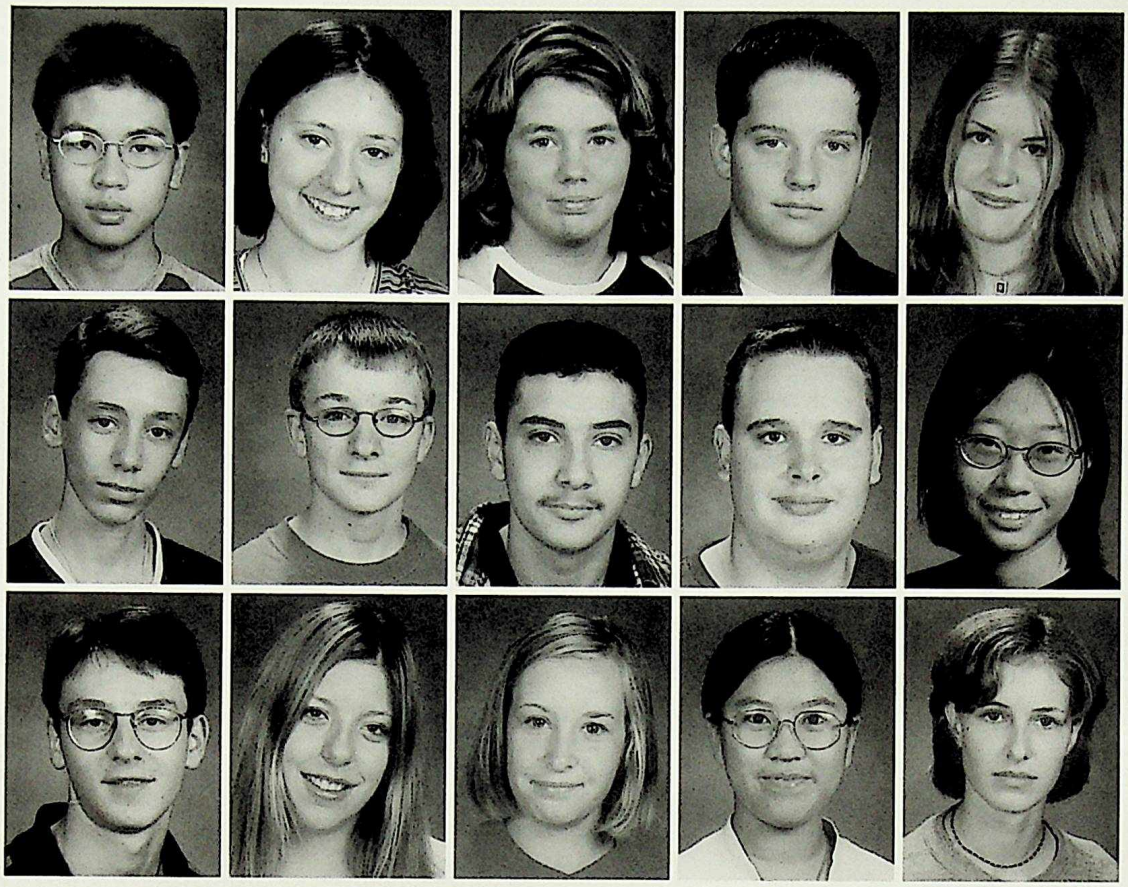
Salmaan Mir
Jenny Moon
Sam Moore
Giora Moss
Adam Mowat



Jonathan Phillips



Petal and Salmaan (who is that shadow of Salmaan's?) enjoy the efforts of their hard work, after building snow huts in the school yard at Stratford.

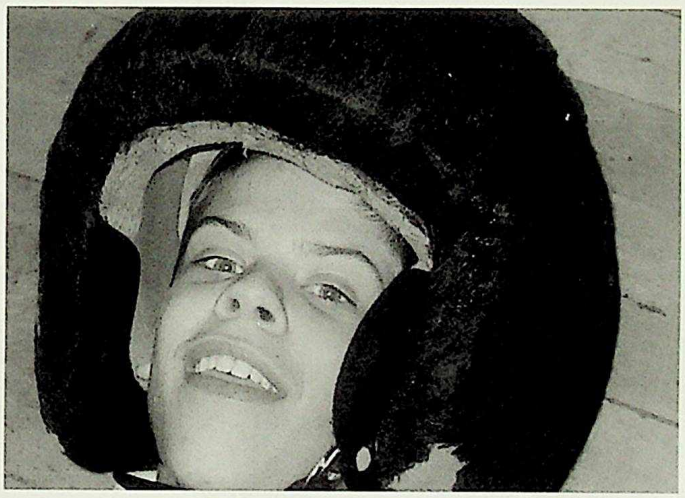


Lok Ming Poon
Lucia Popovici
Arlene Preston
Geoffry Rochford
Stephanie Stacey

Andriy Strogan
Derek Schlereth
Karim Selim
Robin Stuart
Catherin Tsui

Jernej Velikonja
Anna Weidner
Jennifer Wylie
Reginia Yan
Sheena Yaremko

Lucia, Kim, Stephanie, Christy and Jessica - enjoying the good times and good friendships.



Adam Kiraly after a tough day at the office.

"Okay everyone, just smile and maybe the camera will go away!" Tom, Anna, Jenna, Hayley and David wait patiently for their flight in the Victoria airport after a tiring but full day site seeing, shopping and enjoying the DaVinci presentation.

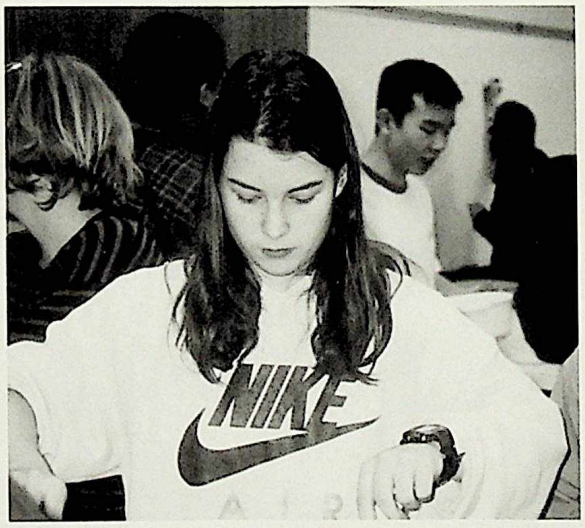
Grade Eleven

It has been a pleasure serving under Stratford's Student Council as Grade Eleven Representative. I have had the opportunity to co-operate with my wonderful fellow students and it has also been an honour to have been on the best student council Stratford has ever had. It will be tough to beat!

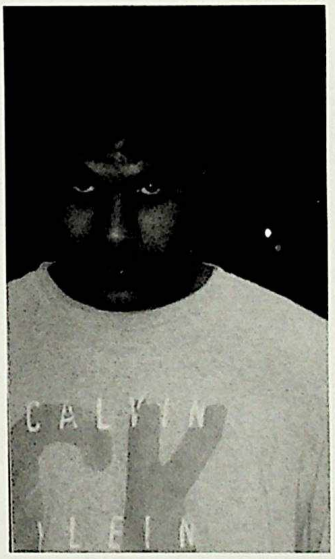
Malika Visanji
Student Council
Representative

Chandra Ampoma and Angie Phan attempt to dissect a huge cow heart. You go girls!

Nicki at the Penny Carnival.



Darleina LaCroix cooking up a storm.



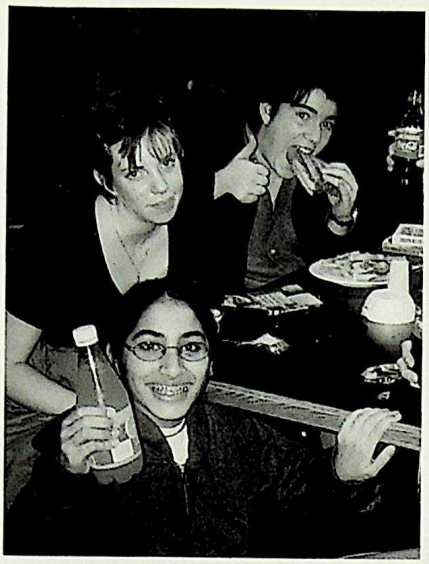
"James, James Bond" Arif Virji.

As grade 12's next year, what advice would you give to new students to succeed at Stratford?

"Get involved. It releases stress and makes the year go much faster." Darleina LaCroix

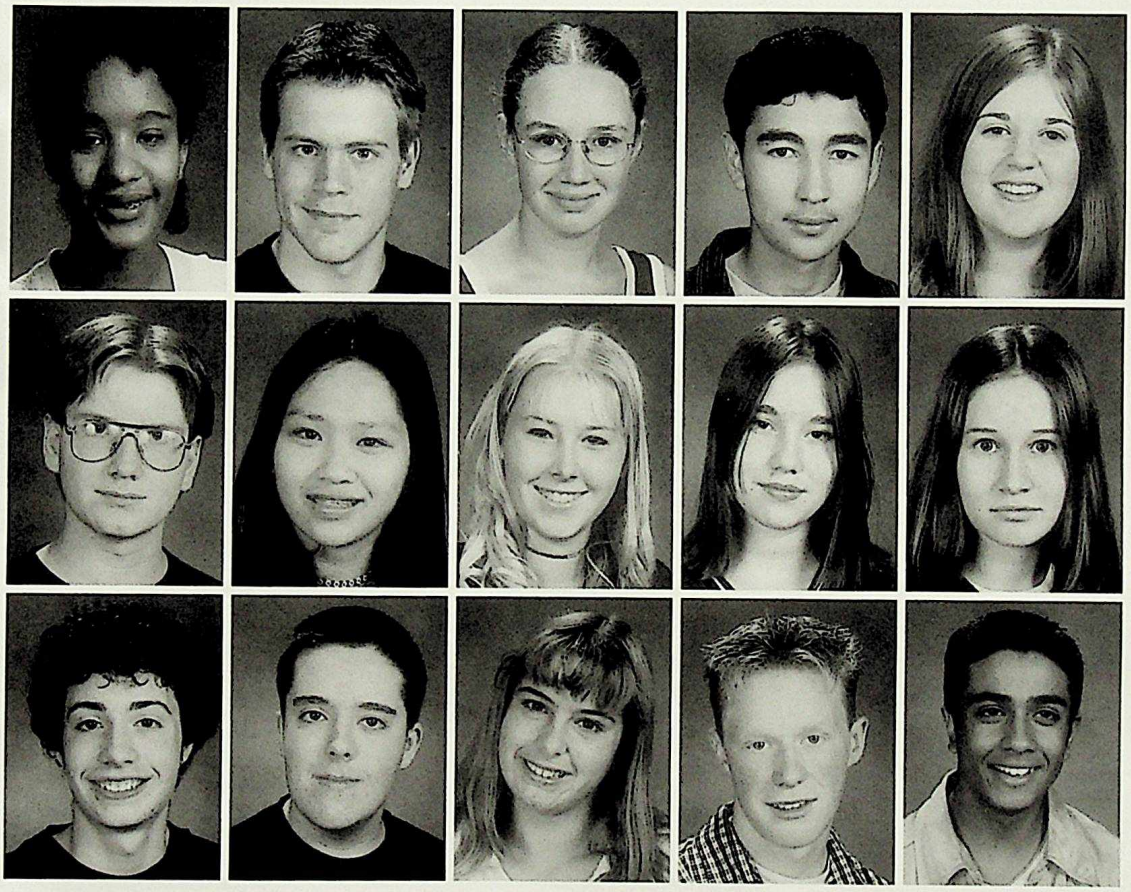
"Be smart, don't annoy teachers and each other, be very attentive. Play sports - it will help you clear your mind." Stas Baichev

"Work hard but don't forget to have fun. Participate in school activities to make the best of your time at Stratford. Keep a balance between work and fun." Hafeeza Saleh



Far Left: Malika, Meghan, Chris, Jocelyn and Cam - "Cheers"

Left: Rick, Patrick and Stas seem to have their hands full - YUCH!



Chandra Ampoma
Rick Askew
Jocelyn Badley
Stas Baichev
Courtney Bonar

David Boyle
Michelle Cheung
Nicki Dahlseide
Robyn Day
Jodi Goebel

Ken Graham
Jeffrey Grajkowski
Cassandra Grant
Brock Harrison
Nafeez Khudabux

"Know your role, act your age and you will survive high school." Sultan Mir

"Question everything. Reality, teachers and life. It's the time to question the events of your life and decide where it will go." Chris McKay

"Have fun, play hard." Dan Tower

"Say 'hi' to Ms. Neely, do your homework, get honours, don't make teachers mad and pay attention." Brock Harrison

Kelsey Kimery
Patrick Kong
Darleina LaCroix
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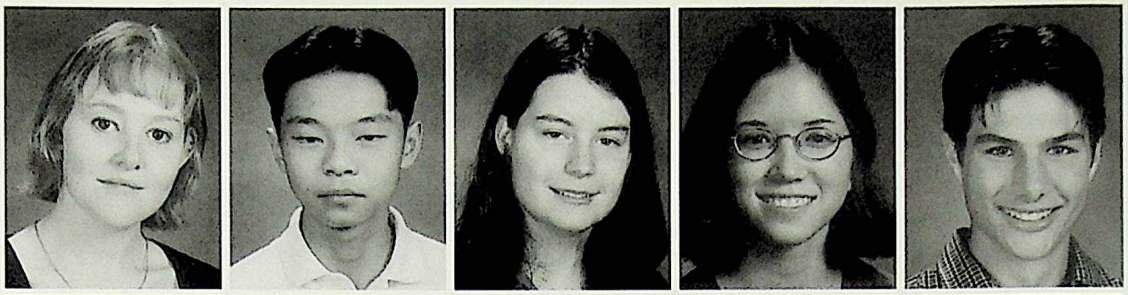

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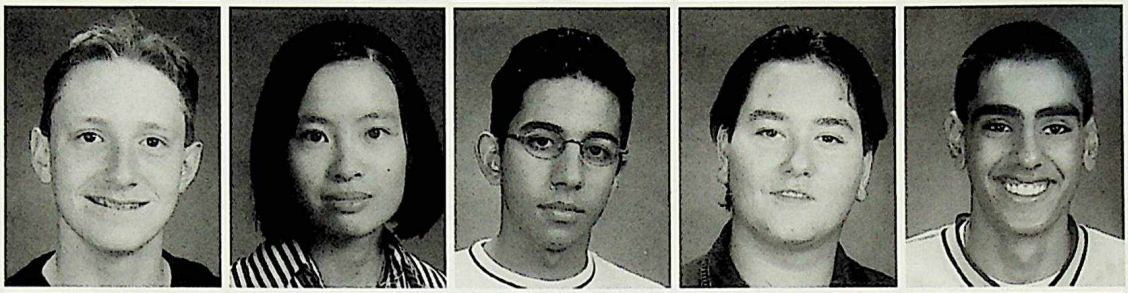
Sultan Mir



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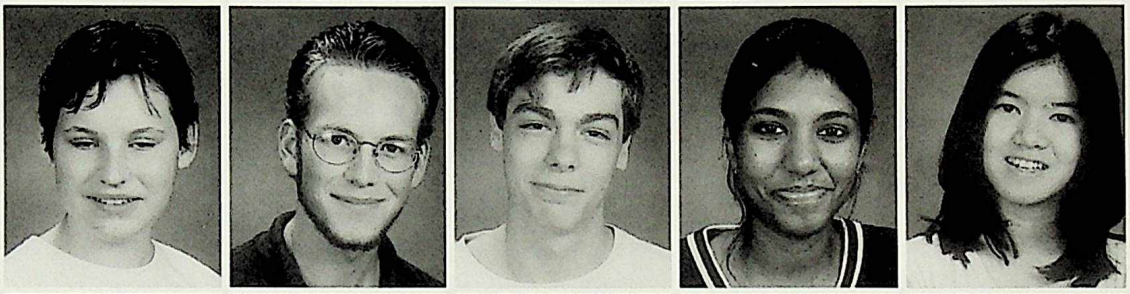
Kumari Perumal
Angela Phan



Hafeeza Saleh
Sonya Solomonovich
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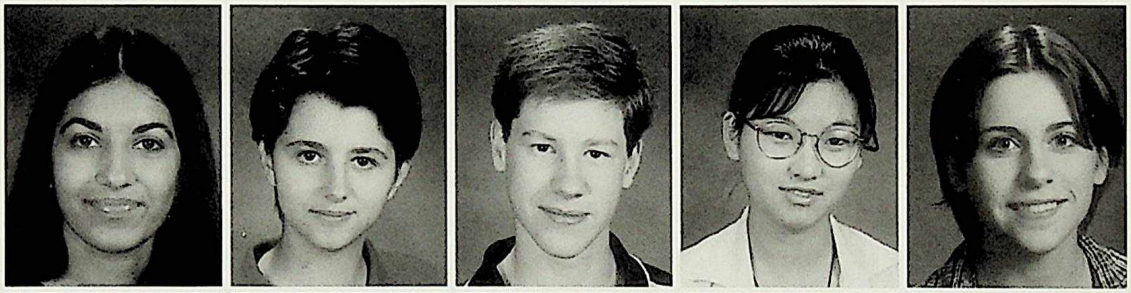
Jennise Swanson
Suzie Sykes



Daniel Tower
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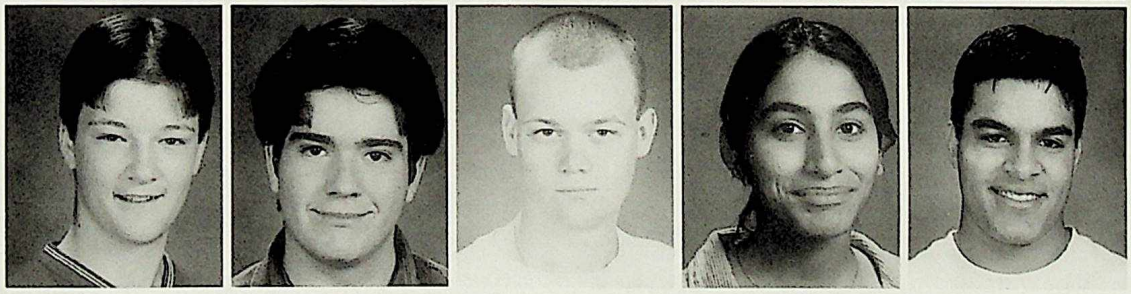
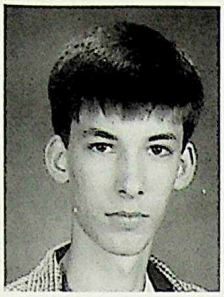
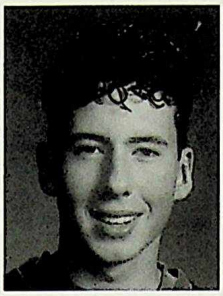
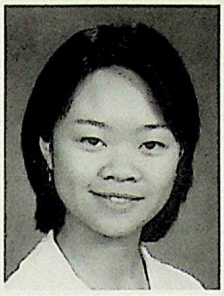
Malika Visanji



Jennise, Michelle, Jodi, Adam, Ms. Ament and Hafeeza have a chuckle during Stress Buster Day. Although, little does Ms. Ament realize - these students are really smiling because they have put her name down to go in the dunk tank NEXT.







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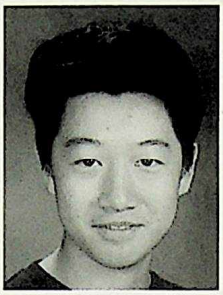
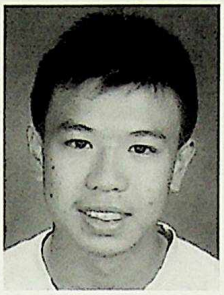
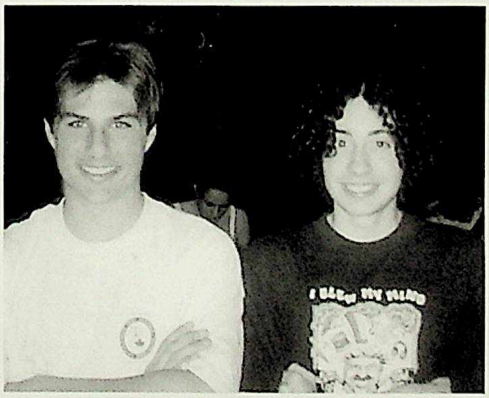




Billy Yu
Isaac Yuen

Above: Jessica Wong works on an art piece of many faces.

Right: Courtney Bonar, Aisha White, Meghan Williamson and Gary O'Neill get tangled up with a wild game of Twister.



Left: Suzie Sykes, Malika Visanji and Omar Mawani - Just hanging out.
Above: A force to be reckoned with! Loic Letailleur and Ken Graham.

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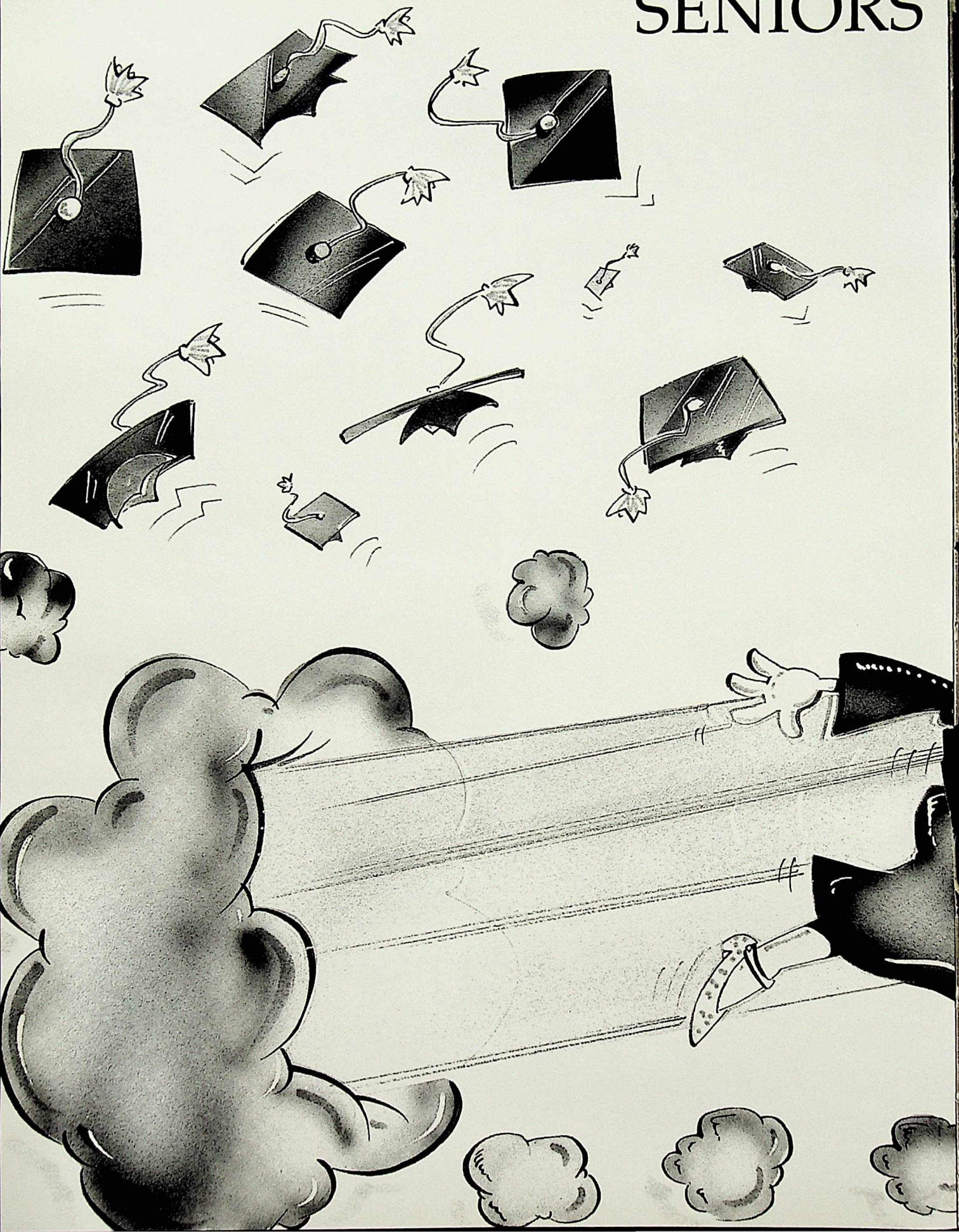

Hiwot Admassu

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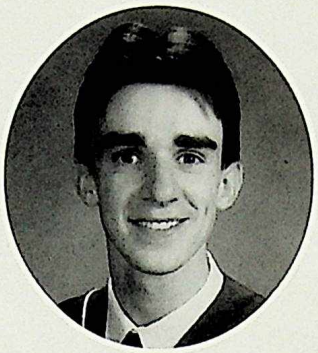


Richard Arnold

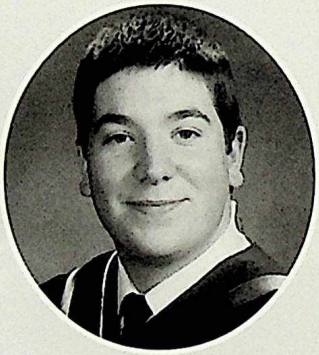
Favourite Memories: Drinking in the halls (kidding) and grade 9.
Goals: Drugs, booze, rock'n roll, get rich get married and all that other happy stuff. P.S. I'm not bitter.

Christine Bizamonte

Favourite Memories: All the times I spent hanging with R.M., J.S., L.L., D.G., J.L. and T.C. and hearing all about the Dunman complex. The vampire, Grandma, Jetli, why girls rule, and working on the haunted house (making those kids cry).

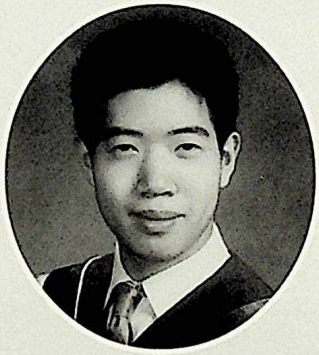
Lisa Boehm

Favourite Memories: Saturdays with T.J., vampires, sitting with L.L.'s "boyfriend", VOICES 2000, directing H.H., Man-in-a-can, and everything in between.
Goals: To be true to myself in whatever I do. To live in the interest of happiness.



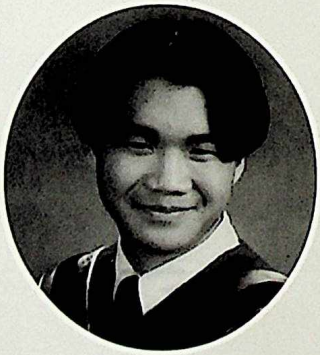
Daniel Bonar

Favourite Memories: Lunch with Aisha everyday. KFC and TacoBell during spares. Big Crunch Rules.
Goals: To travel the world, get in adventures like Kane in Kung-fu.



Andy Chen

My goal is to become a criminologist in the next 10 years.

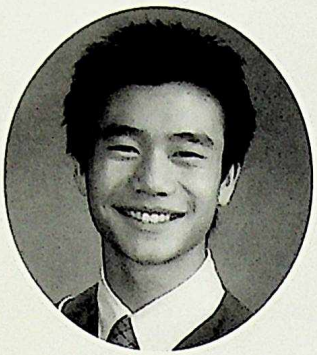


Louis Cheng

Favourite Memories: The time when everyone was trying to get the seat for the couch.
Goals: To become an engineer who tries to make the world a better place.

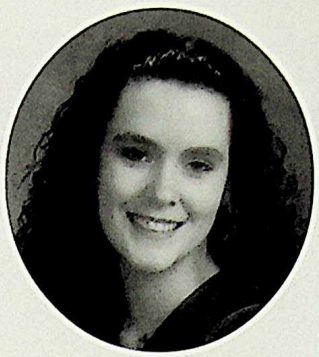
Sam Cheng

Favourite Memories: Includes all my friends, the things we did, and who could ever forget Mr. Bratu?
Goals: To cheat death in every way, skydive and float in space.



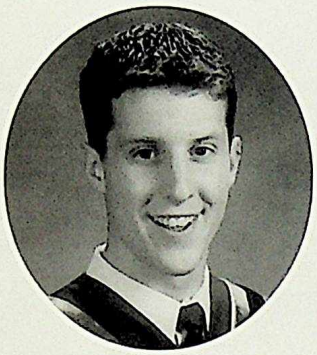
Bennett Cheung

Favourite Memories: All those ski trips where I fell on my rearend a million times, but I did manage to learn how to snowboard. I also won't forget how Paul got a concussion and we were playing jokes on him while he was dazed and confused. That was funny. He He.
Goals: To travel all around Europe for half a year.



Tammy Conway

Favourite Memories: First of all, the way the students were able to make friendships with the teachers. Second, the time I put a note in Jamie's locker and she thought she was being stalked. She was excited.
Goals: Be married with 2 children (boy and girl). I also see myself working at a hospital as an RN.

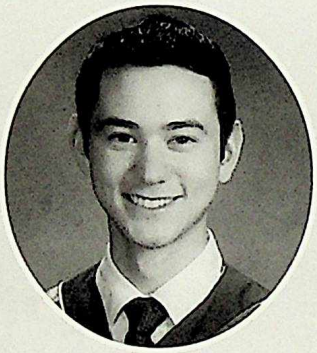


Michael Dickie

Favourite Memories: All the lunch hours at Taco Bell.

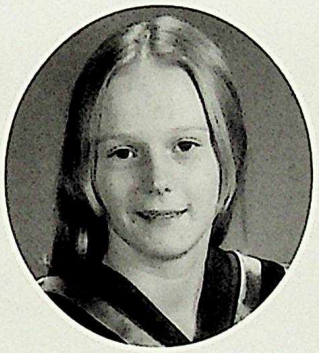
Layla Elomari

Favourite Memories: I don't think I'll ever forget those awesome lunches in the lounges we had, running for the couches and falling in the garbage can. Good luck to everyone, we will meet in the future.



Paul Goebel

Favourite Memories: Kung-fu Wednesdays, Bloomsday '97, and all those spares spent on comfortable couches.
Goals: To survive Armageddon and rise up as the new supreme being.



Tamara Goertz

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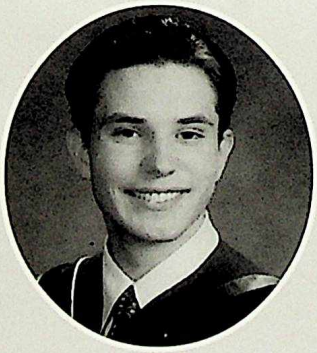
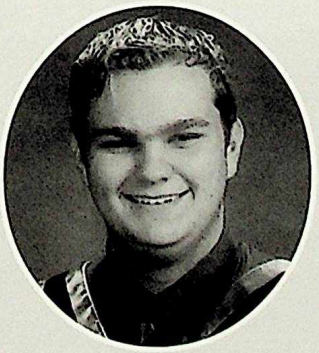


Matthew Good

Favourite Memories: All of Grade 12 was great. I enjoyed various parties and trips we went on. It was the best year of them all.
Goals: To be a high paid engineer at NASA who creates a plan to colonize a distant galaxy. Or something close to that, any ways.

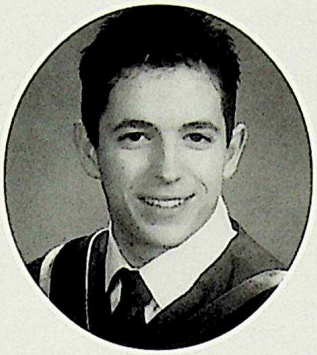


Shaun Goodhope

Favourite Memories: Most memorable moment? Hmmmmmm . . . . Trying to have a gender debate with five women when I'm the only guy in the room.
Goals: To have a successful career in theatre production.

Doreen Goundar

Favourite Memories: Being at Stratford for 6 years. I have many memorable moments, but the most memorable moment was with some friends (J.L., T.C., T.H., & J.H.) taught me about all the improper things of life - which lead me to being sick minded person that I am today.
Goals: Still live under my parents roof, living the life of a hermit.



Jason Guzda

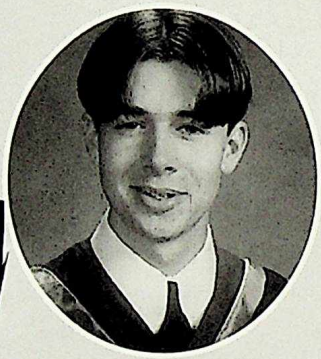
Favourite Memories: One of my best memories at Stratford is the camping trip in grade 10. Everyone knows about the "moose".
Goals: I'll probably have a career in micro-processing.

Camille Hamula

Favourite Memories: Over the past three years I've accumulated thousands of fond and billions of humorous memories at Stratford. My favourites include: leg lifts in French 10 IB, Hodgepodge, "Officer's balls", the haunted house, the coffee incident, pick up the phone, Steph's kung-fu granny imitation, and grad. Thanks to "the group" for all the unforgettable times.

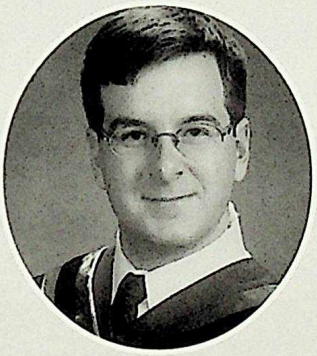
Tanis Harder

Favourite Memories: Talking to everyone on the couches, Victoria trip, my excellent friends and GRAD!
Goals: Happily married with a little girl, lots of friends, and teaching Junior High in Spruce Grove.



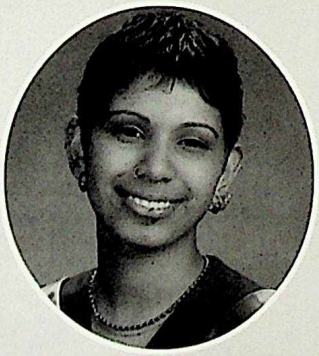
Joseph Henke

Favourite Memories: My favourite memory of Stratford is from Grade 10 HodgePodge. It was juvenile and silly but it sure was a blast!
Goals: I would like to be running my own engineering consulting firm, with a wife and 2.54 kids.



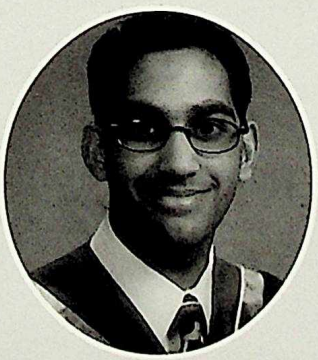
Robbie Hryniowski

Favourite Memories: Being the king of the civilized world in 'Antigone'.
Goals: I'll be the king of the civilized world after University. (Note: the United States does not count as civilized.)



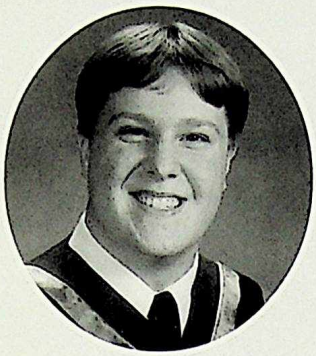
Taz Janeen

Favourite Memories: Directing my play VOICES 2000, me and Nathan's art room, Saturdays with NB and spares with Ament and Nate.
Goals: To evolve!



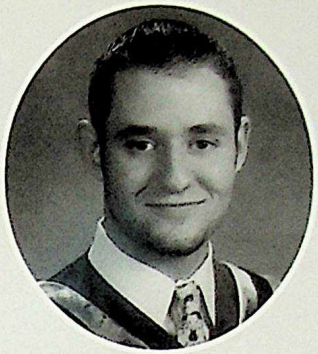
Faizal Javer

Favourite Memories: The whole experience of high school was great. Meeting amazing people, playing on sports teams and intermurals, being active in SU and just chillin' with my homies. Not to mention arousing my friends in my tutu.



Evan John

Favourite Memories: English music performances with M.W., M.M., and A.C.
Goals: Working PM for a major corporation and paying off my student loans.

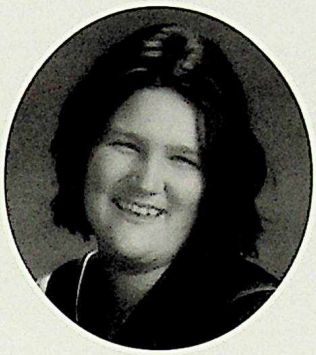


Dave Kagan

Congratulations Dave. Best of luck in your future endeavors.

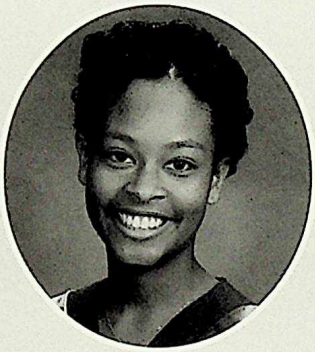
Kate Kerychuk

Favourite Memories: VOICES 2000, radio improv with T.G., the Skura with the "Girls", meeting all my friends, the "Bif" experience with K.P., run-ins with Red Necks and H.H. Man-in-a-can, L.B.'s crazy mood swings, T.J.'s very strong opinions, K.K. and L.R. cover ups. Math class with Bratu . . . Sorry I'm so dumb. Dance with G.W., D.G. dancing on the table and Ms. Ament's "dealer", Ms. Dezse's Star War lecture - it was so good I could ever remember it.
Goals: Be as happy as I am now, and having just as much fun.



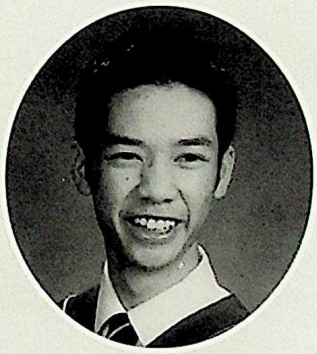
Kelly Keus

Favourite Memories: Perhaps my best memory in my year at Stratford is Christine's after grad. Everyone I've come to cherish was there and I'll never forget it.



Jade Koledoye

Favourite Memories: Lunches at Subway and Taco Bell, and all of the time that we spent on the couch. I will never forget the friends and all of the good times that we had at Stratford.
Goals: I hope to have made the trip to Mexico with my Stratford friends. I also hope that I will still keep in touch with everyone from Stratford.



Bryan Kwan

Favourite Memories: Stratford has been an awesome experience. My most memorable memories: the 'winningest' volleyball season in the history of Stratford, badminton trips and grad.
Goals: To be a successful computer engineer traveling in Europe with Ben.

Stephanie Kwan

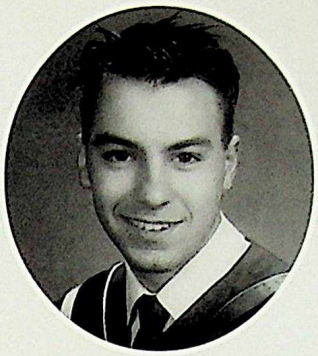
Favourite Memories: Outdoor Ed (A.K.A. - outdoor shopping).

Lily La

Favourite Memories: The cop incident with R.M. (she caused it, not me), Meadowlark mall, I will never go to that food court again! Just the fact that I've been here for 6 long, very long years!
Goals: I will hopefully go travel and dispense drugs for Christina at discounts.

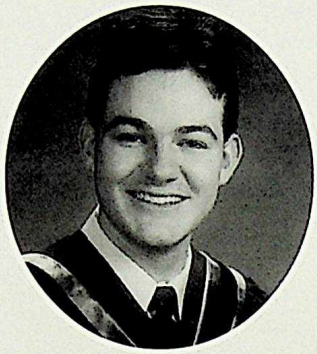
Eva Law

Favourite Memories: My favourite memories are throwing boots at C.B., M.M.'s women, and chilling with the boys.
Goals: I hope to become a famous designer, look good, marry rich and have kids.



Darren Lebeuf

Favourite Memories: Literally racing back to the school from gym.
Goals: To get into Visual Design or become a great Mafia leader.



Mike Lewis

Favourite Memories: All of the couch conversations (both the sick and twisted) I had with my friends.
Goals: I hope to have various Nobel prizes and be wealthier than everyone else in this book.

Bing Li

Congratulations Bing. Best of luck in your future endeavors.

Joyce Li

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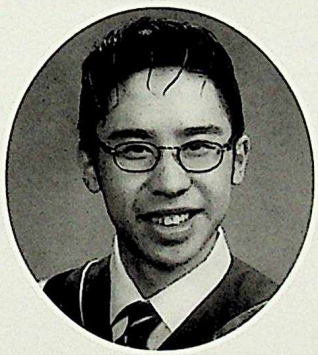

Chris Luke

Favourite Memories: When the playground bridge "accidentally" broke down (yeah, right). M.W. being thrown down and beat up by Mr. Larb. My bad memories of being yelled at and picked on by Mr. Jap on the badminton team.
Goals: Come back and beat Mr. Jap at every sport.

Jamie Lyons

Favourite Memories: My most memorable memories have been being with my friends: T.C., J.S., L.L., D.G., L.B., and C.B. I will always remember such moments as the frisky goat, the duman talk and D.G., first time skipping (even though we didn't have to show up for class)

Lorelei MacGillivray

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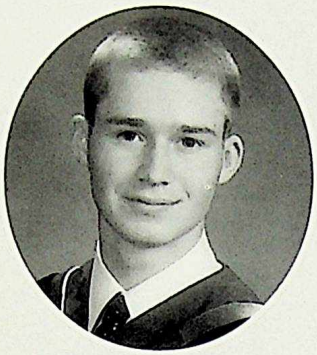
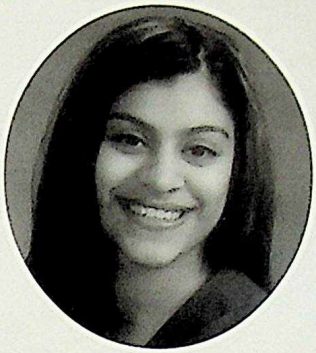


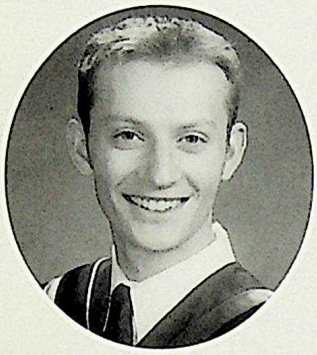
Marc Mahe

Favourite Memories: Chillin' with the boyz, volleyball, and the parties at A.C. and R.H.'s houses. Thanks Mr.Larb.
Goals: I hope to get my Bachelor of Commerce, play for the Bears, go to the Dominican Republic with C.B. and travel to Germany.



Ruby Mangat

Favourite Memories: "Cops", "Couch-stove" and the "Grandma". Thanks to the crew of '99, you know who you are.

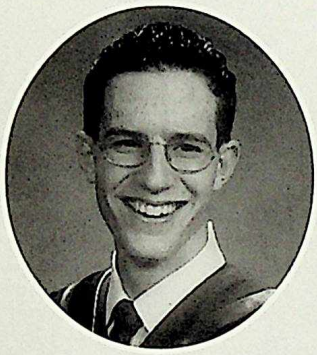


Matthew Marshall

Favourite Memories: The ice cream man picture Mike D. and I put on Mr. Schlegel's door. I lost the ability to function I laughed so hard.
Goals: I will be working in Los Angeles at a movie studio that specializes in action flicks.

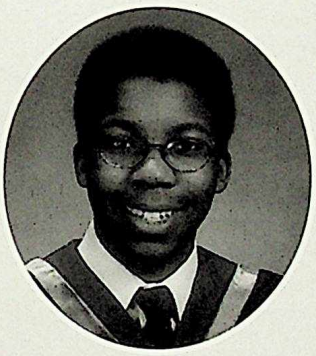
Christopher McKay

Best of luck in your future endeavors Christopher.



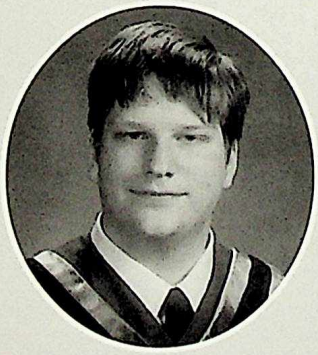
Josh Mellott

Favourite Memories: The pants dropping of 10 and 11 and beating up Chow in chemistry, and being the last silver stick champions of '99.
Goals: Wherever God had led me. Maybe doing missionary work, or being a worship leader, or having my own Christian band or a Christian actor. Something like that.



Lese Mollel

Congratulations Lese. Best of luck in your future endeavors.



Kenneth Nearey

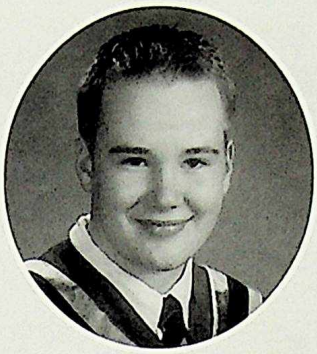
Congratulations Kenneth. Best of luck in your future endeavors.

Kimberlely Picard

Favourite Memories: The sense of community with all the lovely people at Stratford. :)
Goals: I'd like to be a "Grammy Princess" (in the U.K. of course.)

Aliya Ranjani

Favourite Memories: Hey Tracy, got any hair gel? Mike, what socks are you wearing today? Jade baby, which pill was dat? Tanis, remember we've got to go wash "our" car. Layla, sisters forever. Dave baby, rushin' out of grad so early? What's up or should I say what's hard? Faizal, your troll, always!
Goals: To be travelling the world and working with my degree in International Business, only to come home to my silver VW BUG sport!!

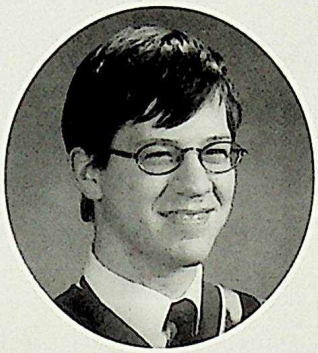


Tommy Robinson

Favourite Memories: All those things I did with the people. You know, all the fun stuff.
Goals: Erotic Dancer.

Laura Rochford

Favourite Memories: My favourite Stratford memory was meeting all my good friends.
Goals: I'll be a rich accountant traveling Europe.

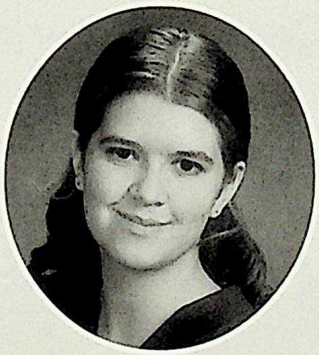


Daniel Rustoker

Favourite Memories: The day Mr. Chow didn't make fun of anyone in Chemistry class. I'm not sure of the exact date, but he was away that day.
Goals: To go into engineering in University.

Connor Sonnen

Favourite Memories: My memories include the grade 11 camping trip (remember the boys Jason!), the last class, after grad, wrestling matches (A.C., M.M., C.B., J.G., M.W.), all the times on Whyte Ave (B.K., C.L., P.G., F.J.) and everything in between. I want to thank all my friends for being awesome to me, I had a blast.
Goals: "Success consists of getting up one more time after you have fallen" - Oliver Goldsmith

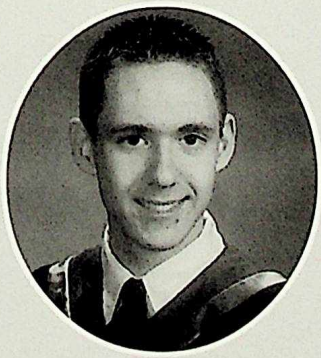


Janelle Strandbert

Favourite Memories: It has been a memorable 2 years at Stratford. My memorable times were spent with J.L., D.G., L.L., T.C., L.B., and C.B. The most memorable moments were all the times that D.G. needed a bib.

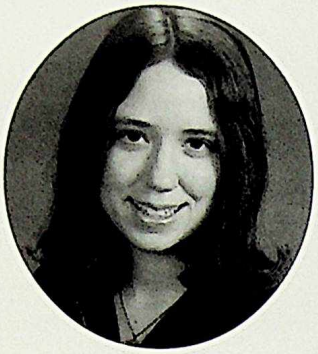
Tracy VanWieren

Favourite Memories: I will always remember lunch time at Subway and Taco Bell and the endless hours on the couch. All the badminton trips and volleyball games were a lot of fun.
Goals: I hope to have been to Mexico with my friends. I also hope to have traveled to Europe. I also hope to keep in touch with my friends from Stratford.



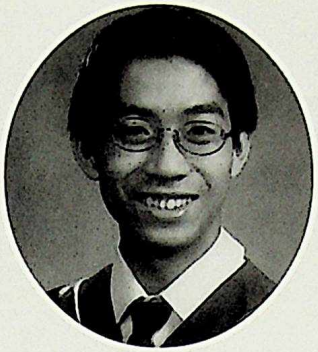
Matt Welke

Favourite Memories: All the times with Mar, Jason, Connor, Evan, Richard and Andy. The fun times playing V-ball all these years and going on the Bloomsday trips. And - all those killer music sessions at lunch.
Goals: Dealing drugs and snorting the rest.



Juli Williams

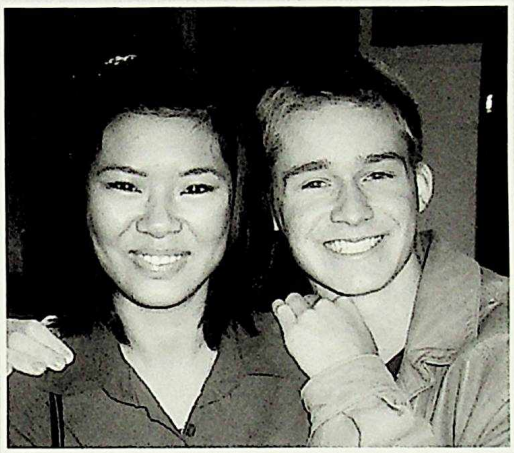
Favourite Memories: In grade 11 during our outdoor living trip, we were canoeing all morning and when we stopped for lunch I had to "go". In the outhouse there was a marmot sitting on the seat and I couldn't "go" until we were finished our trip at 4 pm.



Gabriel Wong

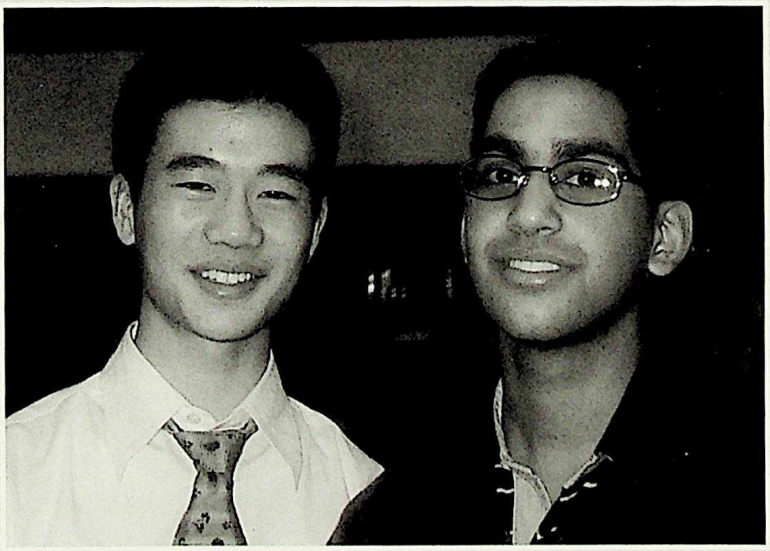
Favourite Memories: "Couch Chat" for both the vulgar and the obscene, also for sending juicy rumours.
Goals: Stay alive for another 10 years to look back and not be ashamed with my life.

Here's to good friends!

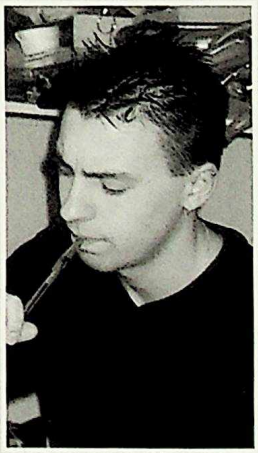


Eva and Marc with the "Ultra Smile".

Matt a.k.a. Julia Childs



Ben and Faizal having a chuckle in the library.



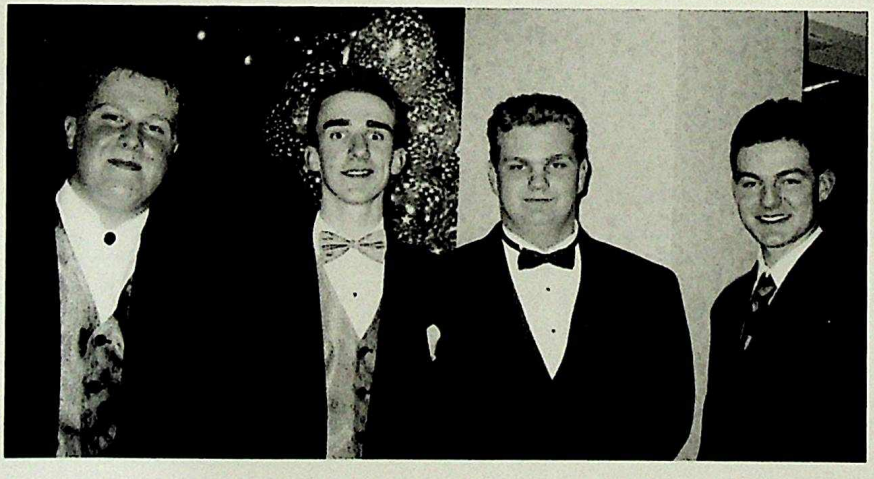
Darren Lebeuf hard at work in Mr. Bratu's class.

Graduation 1999

Bennett lookin fine!

Ms. Dezse getting down.

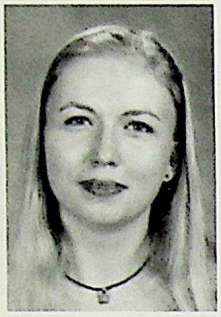
"New York, New York" Matt Good



Evan John, Richard Arnold, Shaun Goodhope and Mike Lewis all dressed to their best.

Smile Tracey.

Valedictorian - 1999



Camille Hamula

Good evening fellow students, teachers, parents, and honored guests:

Approximately 7215 instructional days have passed since we first began kindergarten - not as if anyone was counting. 555 of these days have been spent from the moment we entered grade ten, up until the present day. Some of us have been at Stratford even longer. 555 days seems like an eternity, yet I think it is fair to say that our time at Stratford has passed all too quickly. Our existence as high school students are short, yet important, for they will remain engrained in our memories for years to come. Perhaps it is for this reason that I find it difficult to express in words how I feel about this small school.

I still recall my first class at Stratford - Math 10 - as being the most stressful. I sat in the midst of thirty completely silent strangers, most of whom felt just as awkward as I did. The tension in the room was at times obvious as the entire class uncomfortably adapted to their foreign surroundings. I never could have imagined that, 555 days later, I would consider many of those people to be dear friends, just as I consider my days at Stratford as being among the best that I have so far experienced.

I know that I am not the only student who will miss Stratford. The small size of our graduating class has enabled us to experience a closeness that is not present in other schools. Yet our closeness is not merely inherent in the fact that we all recognize each other in the hallways. We are close in that we all share some of the same memories and experiences that characterize us as Stratfordians. Despite the numerous bomb-shelter jokes that we often make about our school's outward appearance, our attachments to Stratford are substantial. We each have emblazoned a small part of ourselves into the school's history, and will take that history with us throughout our lives.

As a result, we have become stronger. The graduating class of 1999 is a formidable force, a strong and luminous ray of the future. Our lives have been set on the proper paths due in great part to the unwavering dedication of the teachers and staff, to whom we owe a tremendous debt. Without exception, they have all ventured above and beyond the call of duty. The infinite amounts of time which they have spent tutoring, coaching, leading and supporting us are greatly appreciated.

With the guiding light of the teachers, the silent strangers that I observed on my first day of school have transformed into promising, radiant young adults. There is not a face in this room that does not reflect promise. This promise can also be attributed to the friendly, safe atmosphere of Stratford where we, the students, were given the opportunity to meet and exceed our goals. This atmosphere will be sadly missed, but the warmth of the school is welded to our spirits. Stratford has become a second home for many of us, and while new beginnings await us once we leave, our beginnings at Stratford will never come to an end.

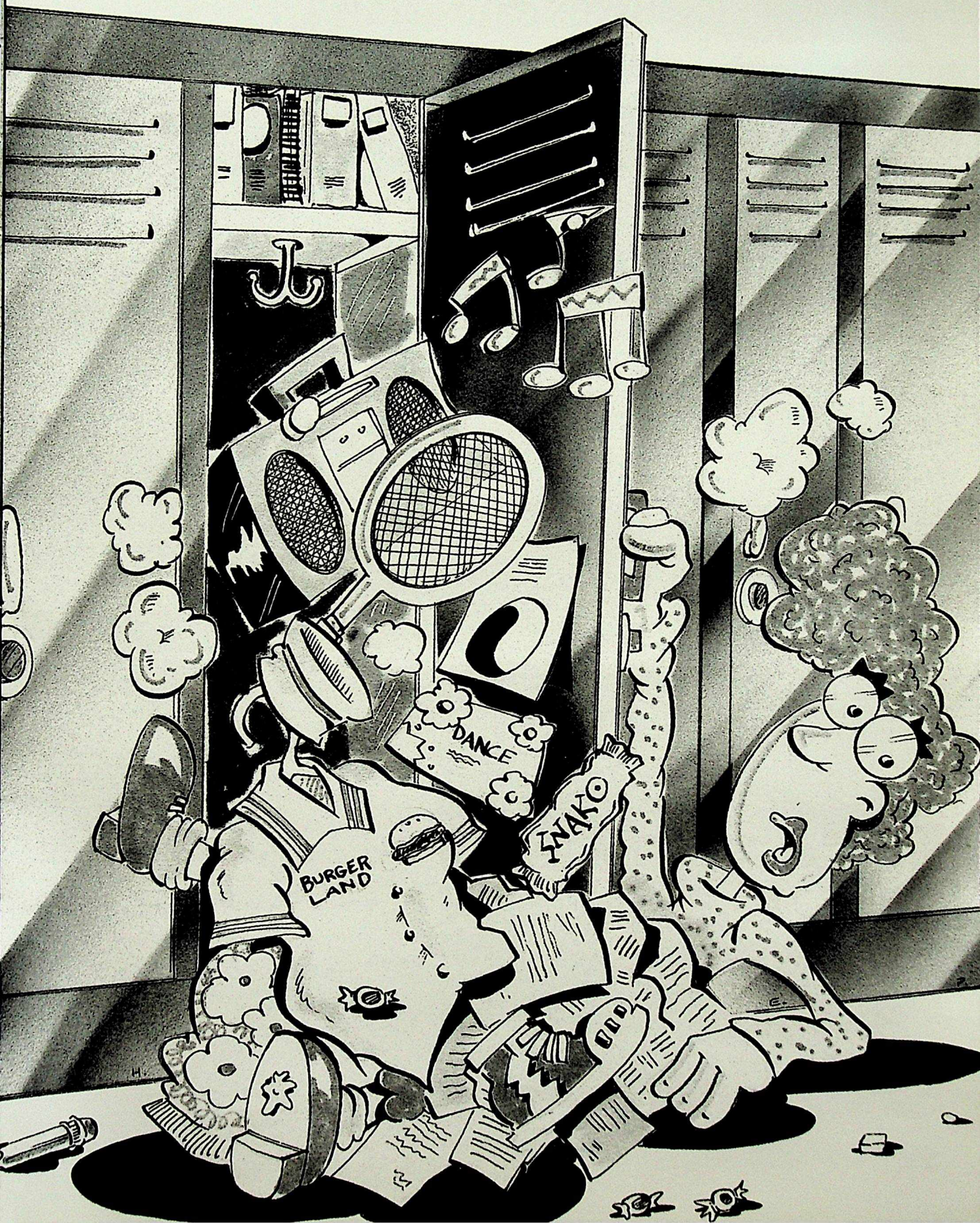
We are also grateful for the love and perserverance of our parents. Their care in time of crisis, as well as their dedication to our lives has enabled us to grow and prosper. Many of them have been committed to Stratford, serving as parent volunteers or otherwise, and this commitment should not go unrecognized. Our parents are the foundation upon which we have built ourselves. Without their support, we would not have the strength to take this significant step in our lives.

Tonight, as we each prepare to head our different directions, we stand poised at the same threshold -- a threshold that can seem more the edge of a precipice or a yawning abyss than an inviting career or life path. Some of us may leave Stratford far behind, yet the closeness which we share will never disappear. Perhaps it is this reassurance that lessens the sadness of saying good-bye, turning it instead into optimism for the times to come.

The feelings of isolation that we felt on our first day at Stratford will not be present on our last. Instead, we will look back with fond remembrance of our peers, our teachers, and the experiences we have had at this small school. After 7215 days of instruction, the prism of light that is Stratford's graduating class of 1999 will scatter, each student separating into a unique colour of their own; finding their own surfaces upon which to shine.

So fellow graduates, remember, tonight . . . . we shine!

STUDENT LIFE



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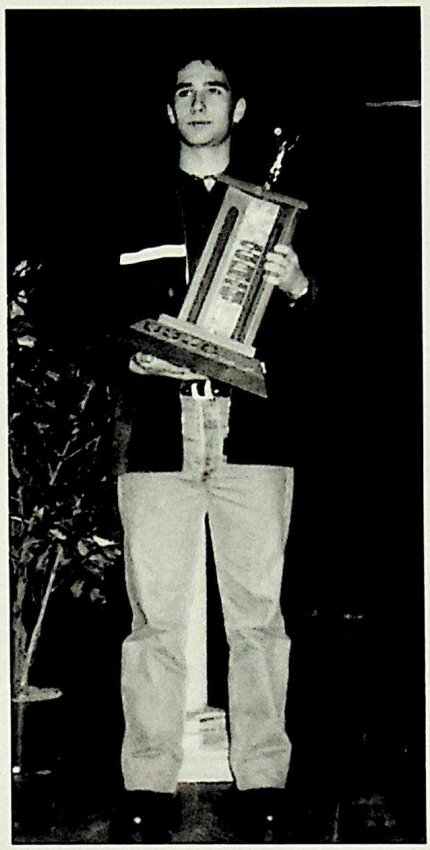


Above Left: Crystal MacGillivray is presented with the Dors & Helmut Meyer Scholarship.

Above Middle: Award winners Darleina LaCroix, Joseph Henke and Carolyn Huston.

Above: Ilya Ostrovsky receiving the Golden Bear Award (Athletics)

Left: Terri-Lynn Sexsmith (Most Improved Student) and Carolyn Huston (Sentinel Award) - take a moment to share a smile.

Hilights: Stratford Academic High School Awards Program, 1997-98

Doris and Helmut Meyer Scholarship - Crystal MacGillivray

Grade 10 District Award - Gillian Lee

Grade 11 District Award - Daniel Rostoker

Grade 12 District Award - Megan Flanders

Pascal (Grade 9): Top Student in School - Jonathan Phillips
Cayley (Grade 10): Top Student in School - Jessica Wong
Fermat (Grade 11): Top Student in School - Kenneth Nearey
Euclid (Grade 12): Top Student in School - Megan Flanders

Citizenship Awards
General Service Award:
Camille Hamula
Kelly Hazlett
Ilya Ostrovsky

Outstanding Service Award:
Joseph Henke
Darleina LaCroix

Outstanding Student Awards
Grade 9 - Kelly Hazlett
Grade 10 - Darleina LaCroix
Grade 11 - Joseph Henke
Grade 12 - Carolyn Huston

Most Improved Student - Terri-Lynn Sexsmith

Spirit of Youth Award - Darleina LaCroix

The Dr. Betty Davis Award for Excellence in Leadership - Carolyn Huston

The Alberta Heritage High School Citizenship Award - Carolyn Huston

The Governor General's Academic Medal - Megan Flanders

Congratulations to all award recipients from this evening - Stratford staff, students and families are very proud of you all.

School Activities

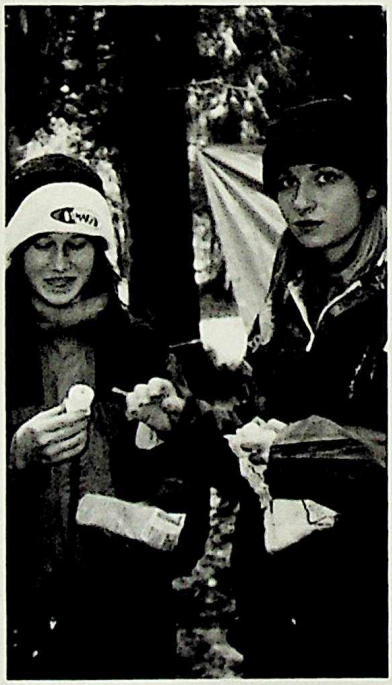
Look up, look way up!

We love the outdoors! A group of students (outdoor Living and Phys Ed 20/30), packed their gear and headed up to Mystery Lake (South of Hinton) for 3 days filled with fun and adventure (okay, also rain and snow). Students learned a variety of skills on the back-packing trip, such as: building a latrine, keeping food safe in a bear bag up in the trees, how to setup camp, cook meals over an open fire - just to mention a few. Even though it was quite "soggy", fun was had by all.

Above: Happy (dry) campers at the beginning of the trip.

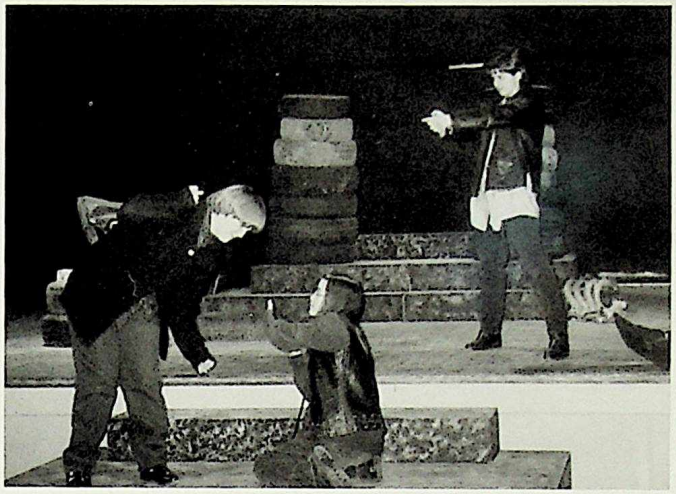
Below Left: Jodi Goebel and Jessica Drnek become "smore" experts. Those aren't for breakfast are they girls?

Below Right: Roasting "socks" on an open fire. Jodi Goebel, Jessica Drnek, Tarah Duncan, Darren Lebeuf, Omar Mawani, Mr. Jap, Jade Koledoye, Dan Tower and Hayley Gregg - still looking warm and dry (ya right).

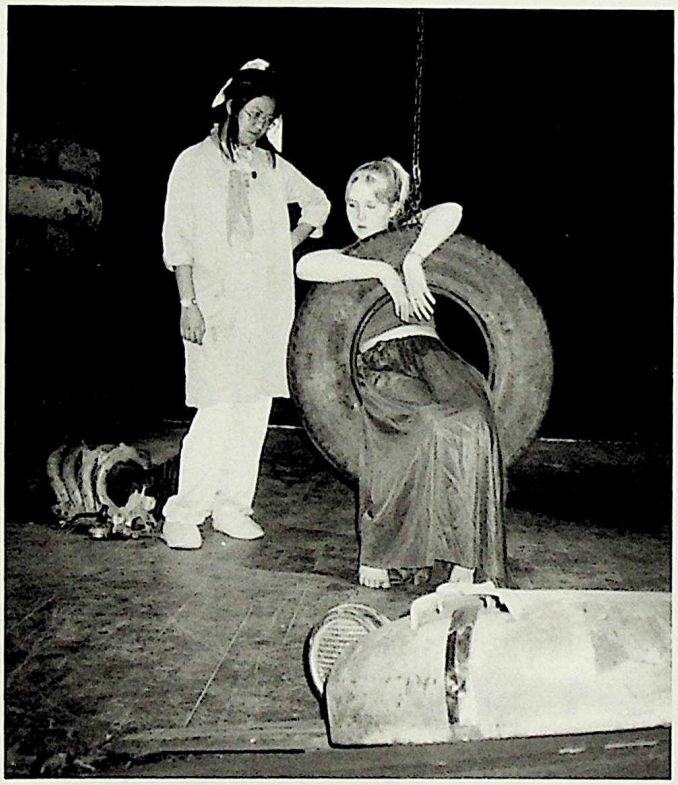


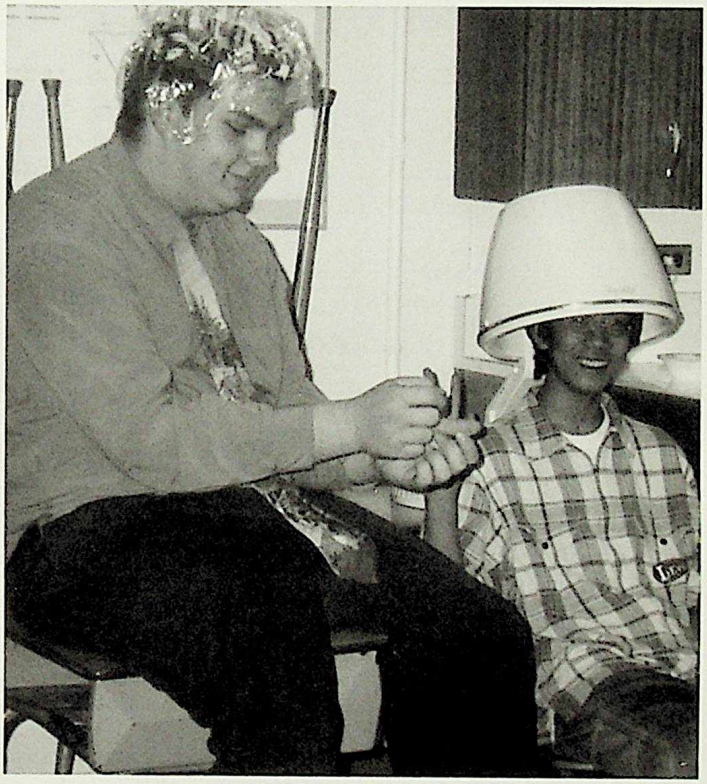
Drama

Antigone: This was an after school production that involved twenty Stratford students in various capacities. There was an afternoon matinee for our own students, another for Crestwood and Nelly McLung Schools, and an evening performance for the parents and community. The students put on a fabulous production and was well received by all.



Right: Petal, Kathryn and Sonya performing in Antigone.



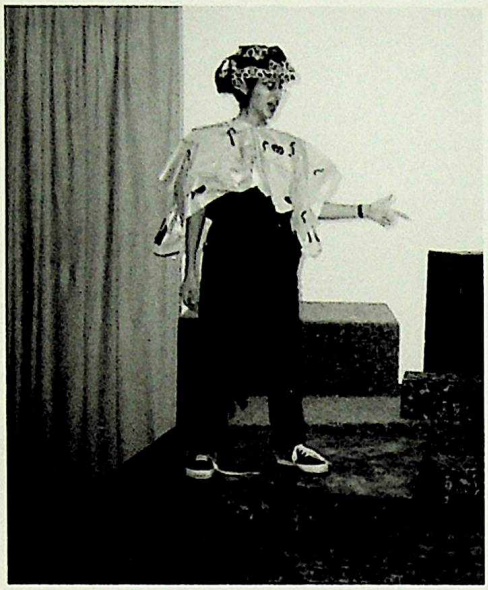


Above Left: Dramatic moment in Antigone with Regina and Nikki.

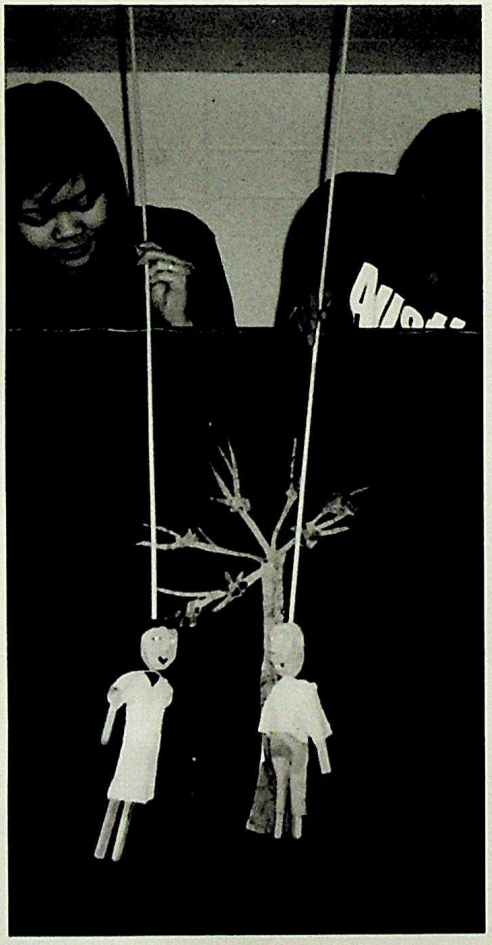
Above: "Hair today, Gone tomorrow." Shaun and Gabby get the full beauty salon treatment in preparation for Antigone.

Left: "Uncle, I said Uncle!" Mike and Robbie work through a very tense scene.

Right: "Joseph Andrews" - this professional production played to our entire student body, after which the actors gave a workshop to students in Drama 9/10/20/30.



Above: Malika performs during the Fine Arts Festival.



Remembrance Day collective Creation. This powerful performance served as our Remembrance Day ceremony and featured the dramatic work of 23 students. All of the work came from class exploration. BACK LEFT: Gavin, Adam, Shaun, Derek, Gregory and Giora. NEXT ROW LEFT: Candice, Louis, Patricia, Malika, Kendra, Sonya. NEXT ROW LEFT: Mrs. Sookochoff, Derwin, Nikki, Tamara, Irfan. FRONT ROW LEFT: Robin, Kate, Lisa, Daniel.

Left: Fine Arts Festival: Jessica and Irfan perform as part of the 8 day event that included matinee performances of student directed productions, evening performances of dance and drama, and an art gallery exhibit. As well, preparations fed into our Open House presentation.

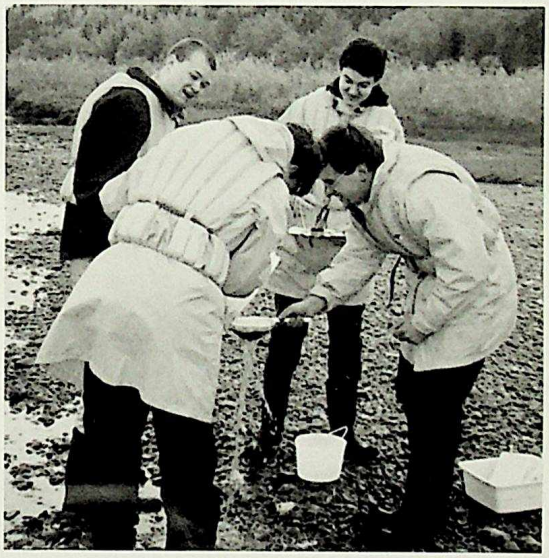
Ski Trip

This year the ski trip was to Sunshine for two days of great skiing. The trip was relatively trouble free. Strange occurrences included Paul's memory loss and the girls bringing their own beverages to Hard Rock. A note for next year: bring your bathing suit or you might have to use an "alternative" suit. Snow was great, runs were great - what can we say, it was a great trip.

Left: Matt Good and Joe Henke enjoying the runs and winter sun.

River Watch

Students in Biology IB went out to the Swiss Valley area, north of Spruce Grove. There they went out on the water in rafts to collect water samples to study terrestial ecology.



Above: "Hey - what did we catch? What did we catch?"

Left: Now what's wrong with this picture. One person blowing up this huge rubber raft and 10 people supervising the whole process. We see future management looming in the crowd.

Penny Carnival

Volunteer students from Stratford went over Norwood school to help with a Penny Carnival. They worked in game booths, face painting and balloon animals. Fun was had by all.

Student volunteers that participated in the Penny Carnival. BACK LEFT: Kelly, Layla, Tanis Gregory. MIDDLE LEFT: Norwood fan, Derwin, Darleina, Meghan, Chandra. FRONT LEFT: Jocelyn, Jessica, Nicki, Tracy. Great job folks!

Chandra puts on a "Happy Face".

Biology 20 students investigated snow ecology by building quinze huts. This was done to check the insulative properties of snow in regards to both life under the snow pack and survival in harsh conditions.

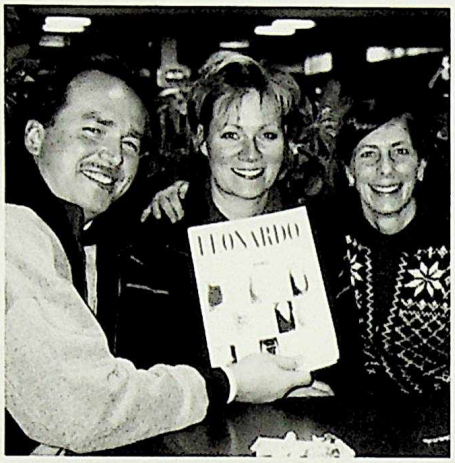
Right: Patrick Kong, Rick Askew and Stas Baichev look pleased with their work, while Rick shows them the "Quinze" dance.

Below: You want to fit how many more people in here? Kelly Keus, Darleina LaCroix and Kelly Hazlett look real cozy.

Above: "You're paying me how much?!" Kelly works those biceps while building her quinze hut.

Victoria B.C. - Leonardo da Vinci Trip

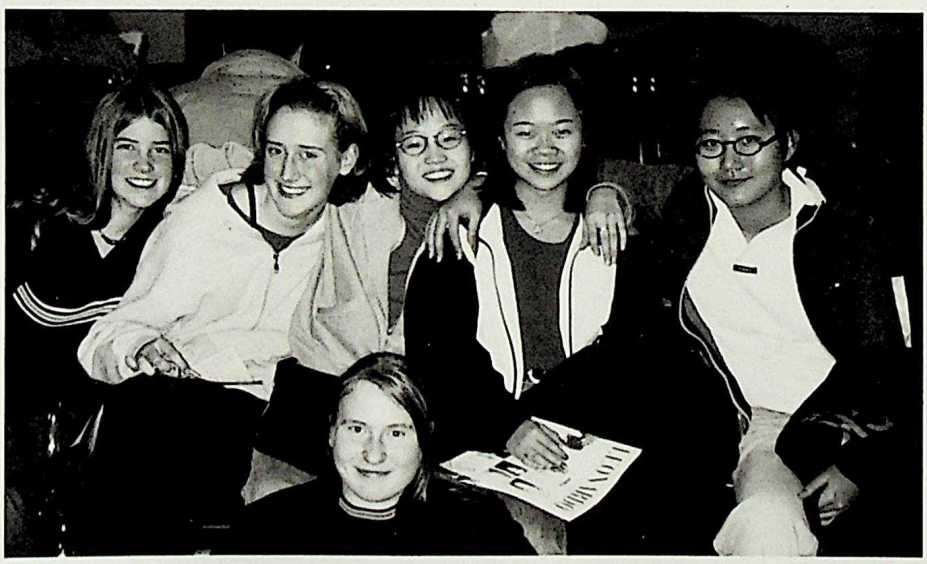
This was a very fun, full and exciting trip. Upon arrival at the Victoria airport, our group was great with a red double decker bus that took us on a guided tour of the city. Mrs. Frisk didn't realize how few bathrooms there were in Victoria. This was followed by shopping tours in the business section with the finale - the da Vinci display at the Royal British Columbia museum with followed by a presentation at the IMAX - The Story of Flight. This was the first time a lot of students had flown. Despite some clouds, the flight went well and the trip was a great success. The trip theme song was "Pick Up the Phone!"



Above: Mr./Mrs. Frisk and Mrs. Horwood waiting to leave the Victoria airport - still smiling during the wee hours of the morning.

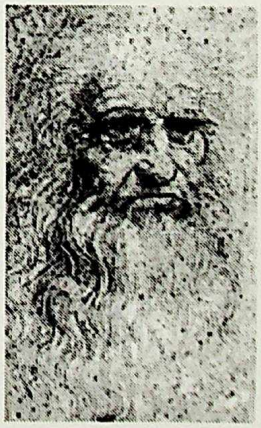
Above: Some of the students that went on the trip. Okay guys, everybody smile on the count of three. 1, 2, 3 . . . . . CHEESE!

Right: Some students that managed to secure seats at the top of the double decker bus. LEFT TO RIGHT: Micke Dickie, Tracy VanWieren, David Kagan, Kim Picard, Laura Rochford, Lucia Popvici, Marc Mahe, Evan John and Richard Arnold. Flash those pearls Marc.



Below: This is the master himself (1452-1519). Inventor, scientist, artist, whose curiosity was greater than all of the others in his time, personifies the universal genius of the Renaissance.

Back Left: Erin Nicol, Kathleen Bellows, Jenny Moon, Jessica Wong, Gahyun Kim and Janna Velikonja. Sharing their stories and adventures from the day's trip.



"Darling, you look marvelous!" Mr. Schlegel and Mr. Chow all dressed up, but no where to go.

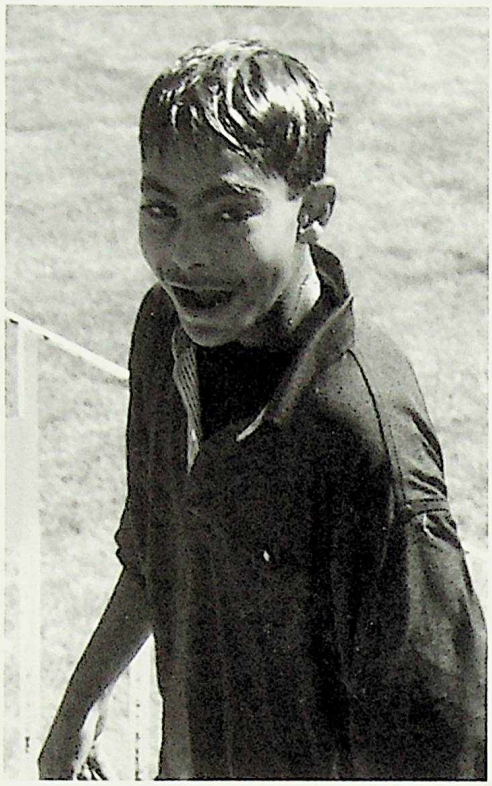
This group has returned for a command performance - "The Couch Potato" singers! Back left: Tarah, Gabby. Front left: Aliya, Matt, Paul (undisputed King), Jamie.

Lookin good ladies! Christine, Janelle, Jamie, Ruby, Tammy, Tanis, Lily, Aliya. Front: Kelly. Whoever said that students didn't dress up during a regular day at Stratford?

Jordan Urie gets down and rocks on!

Men in black. L TO R: Mr. Chow, Evan John, Matt Welke, Jason Guzda, Andy Chen and Richard Arnold. Looking good guys.

Don't you just hate going to school in the morning when you're having a bad hair day?



Irfan, remember in the business world, "never let them see you sweat".

Okay, honourable one. Are you ready for the dance? Dan Bonnar and Paul Goebel seemed to have put a bit of weight on since Mrs. Brown has been cooking.

Kim Picard and Matt Marshall - a.k.a. "Beatniks". Practicing their guitars during the Wake-a-thon.

Detention Room at Stratford.

"How's my hair?"

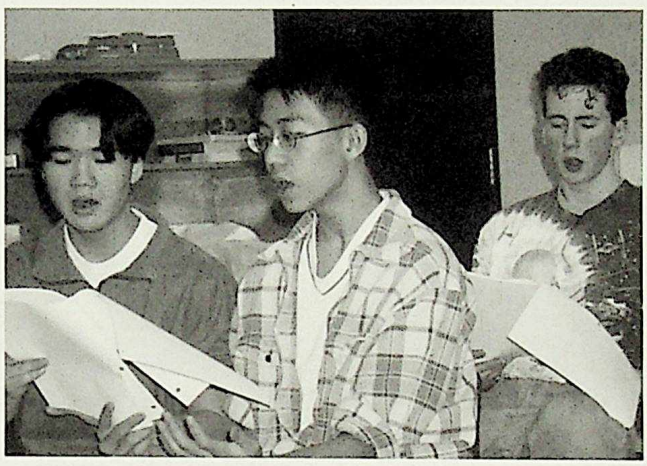
Choral Music

Choral Music

The Stratford Singers were formed in the fall of 1998 in response to a desire for a music program in the school. Under the direction of Ms. Burgess, the choir performed a Christmas concert 'Celebrating the Season' in December and a spring concert 'Here's to Song' in June. The choir was featured on CBC radio in October and also performed in the Edmonton Public School's 'Night of Music' at the Jubilee Auditorium.

The choral program is open to all students at Stratford. The accompanist for the choir is Jessica Wong.

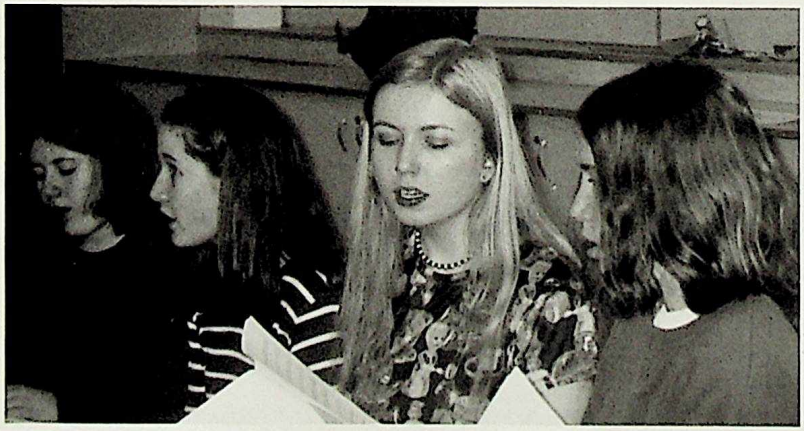
Ms. Burgess demands 20 pushups if the sopranos do not hit the high C.



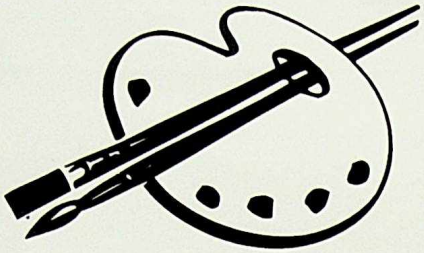
Louis Cheng, Gabby Wong, and Alex Witt practice their sections during rehearsal.

There is some serious concentration happening here. Kelly Keus, Hafeeza Saleh and Jodi Goebel are giving it all they've got.

Below: Courney Bonar, Jodi Goebel, Camille Hamula and Juli Williams enjoying the lunch hour practices.



Malika Visanji and Suzie Sykes. Okay ladies --- smile!!!!



Art Club

A devoted group of artists met every Monday after school and worked on a large variety of projects - sculptures, furniture painting, drawing and painting. Regular members of the Art Club were Camille Hamula, Tessa Hamula, Gabriel Wong, Joseph Henke and Tanis Harder

Debate Club

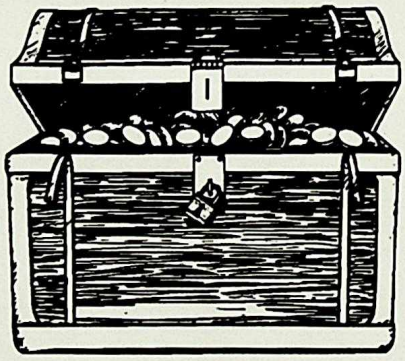
The 1999 Debate club consisted of a small, but dedicated, group of students. The group competed in the University of Alberta and Archbishop McDonald Debate Tournament. Thanks go out to Omar Mawani, Jodi Goebel, Alex Witt and Jana Velikonja for making this year an enjoyable one!

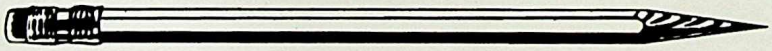
Chess Club

Stratford enjoyed an active and successful chess club. Daily play saw anywhere from two to twenty drop in players.

Peter Wang defeated Dan Rostoker in a lengthy, hard fought club championship.

In the city team championships, the team of Peter Wang, Daniel Poon, Kelvin Lau and Shaun Goodhope finished fourth overall.





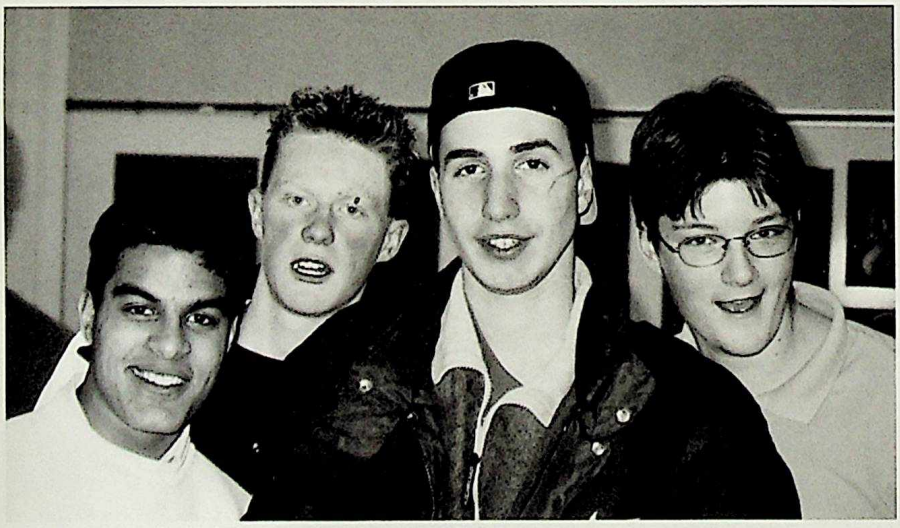
Writer's Workshop

Writer's Workshop has been attended all year by dedicated and remarkable student writers. During Thursday lunch hours, we read short stories, poetry or novels in progress. Our goal is to have our work published online, before the majority of these excellent writers leave Stratford after Grade 12. Gifted and prolific writers are Jocelyn Badley, Courtney Bonar, Jeff Grajkowski, Sonya Solomovich, Meghan Williamson, Jessica Wong, Robbie Hyrniowsky, Kenneth Neary, Chris McKay and Daniel Rostoker.

Dance 15

This was the first year for Dance 15 at Stratford! Students explored creative, modern, jazz, social and tap dance. Highlights included sharing their work with students at James Gibbons School, both as performers and teachers, and dancing an energetic jive/jazz/tap piece as the opening number in the spring Fine Arts Festival. They were a smash hit!

Partners in Peace Project - Bosnia



L to R: Arif, Brock, Davor and Daniel - smiling for the camera.

Bosnia Visit

Partners in Peace Project was a joint effort on the part of the Riverview Rotary Club, Rotarians in Sarajevo and Stratford Academic High School. On November 16, 1998, six Bosnian students arrived in Edmonton for a ten day visit. Students represented the three main ethnic groups; Serb, Croat and Muslims. Students were Davor Mulic, Amra Telacevic, Samra Hadzialagic, Monika Kresic, Davor Mastorovic and Srdjan Marinovic.

The purpose of their visit was to bring the students from the three warring factions together, away from the conflict, and allow them to see and experience a multicultural society in which various ethnic groups live in peace.

During their stay they were billeted with Stratford students. They were taken to various sites/events in Edmonton: the Art Gallery, Legislature, City Hall, Oiler's game, WEM, the museum and the University. They truly enjoyed their stay.

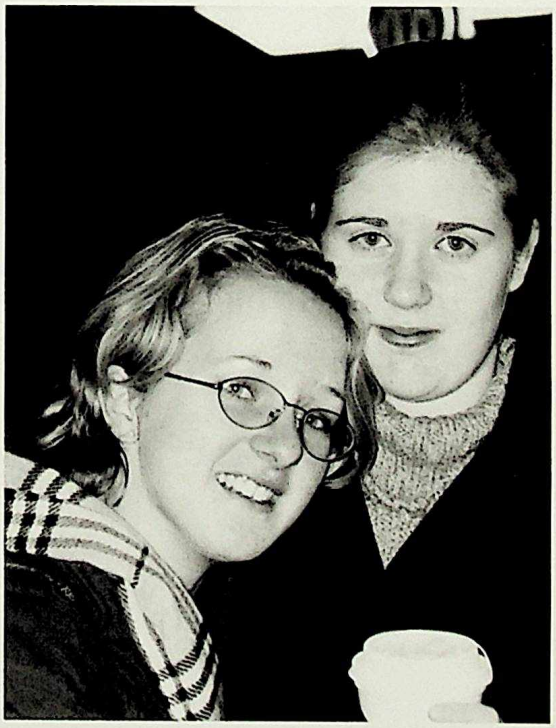
Top Left: Stratford's new friends bidding farewell after a wonderful trip.
Middle Left: Monika, Kate, Samra and Rebecca viewing some of the gifts given to our guests from the community.
Left: Amra posing for the camera after a busy day.

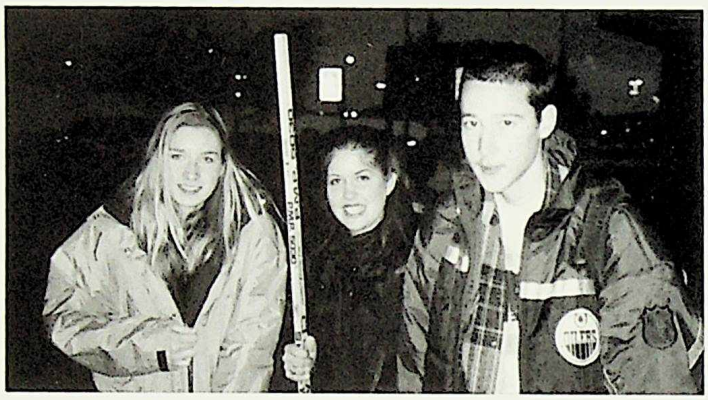
Mrs. & Major Martin - thank you for all your time, effort and help in organizing this wonderful experience for our school.

Above: L-R: Davor Mulic, Amra Telacevic, Tanja Cengic (chaperone), Srdjan Marinovic, Monika Kresic, Davor Majstorovic and Samra Hadzialagic.
Top right: Daniel, Srdjan and Issac get patriotic.
Below: After days of being followed by the press, Davor is finally the photographer.

Above: Enjoying the legislature.

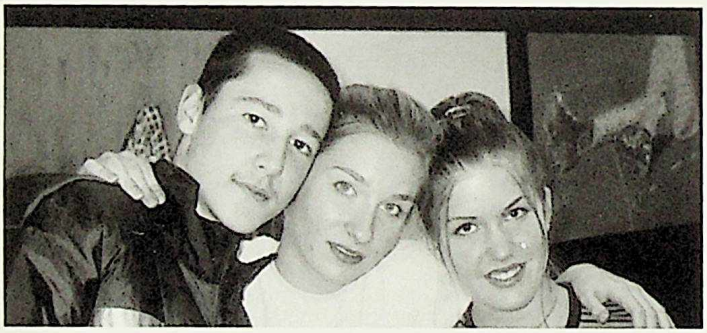
Below - left & right: New friends tear down borders & boundaries.





"Go Oilers Go"

Eat your heart out "Puff Daddy".



Sports

Men's Volleyball

The men's team had a season of "heart and soul". Members L TO R: Billy Yu, Marc Mahe, Sultan Mir, Andy Chen, Josh Mellott, Salmaan Mir, Coach Keith Valgartsen, Tom Bonar, Matt Welke, Dan Bonar, Bryan Kwan. MISSING: Chris Luke.

Ladies Volleyball

This year the ladies volleyball team had an extraordinary season. We won the City Conference final 3-0 against the favoured Queen Elizabeth High School team. Ra Ra Ra. Well done team!
Members - BACK L TO R: Brandy Pelechaty, Kelly Hazlett, Jessica Drnek, Jennise Swanson, Aisha White, Tracy VanWieren, Coach Mr. Schlegel. FRONT L TO R: Darleina Lacroix, Jodi Goebel, Tamara Goertz, Bing Li.
Below left: Men's team works hard on the court.
Below right: Smiling faces after an inspiring huddle.

Badminton team members. BACK L TO R: Mr. Jap (Coach), Chris Luke, Kim Askew, Billy Yu, Bryan Kwan, Salmaan Mir, Andriy Strogan, Tracy VanWeiren, Adam Mowatt, Mr. Ostrovsky (Assistant coach). FRONT L TO R: Tracy Wong, Erin Nicol, Kelly Hazlett, Bing Li, Tamara Goertz, Darleina Lacroix.

Badminton Team

The 1999 Stratford Badminton Team had a fantastic year. The sixteen member team started with a tournament win at the Wainwright Invitational. The team claimed nine out of a possible fifteen gold medals and six out of a possible fifteen silver medals.

During the regular season, the team sported the best overall record in the Edmonton Public League. The team had eleven wins against - only one loss. Unfortunately, the team lost in the city Final Round to a very strong Strathcona team.

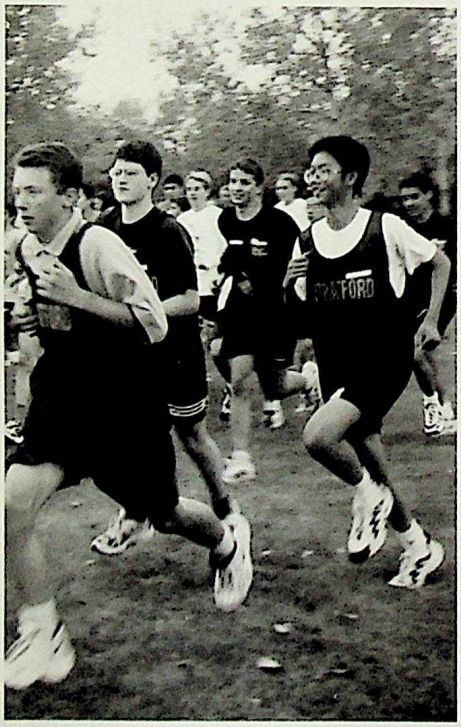
At the 1999 Badminton Provincials, held in Lethbridge, Alberta, Stratford did exceptionally well. Bing Li won the Intermediate Girls Singles title to claim the gold medal and Darleina Lacroix and Kelly Hazlett won the bronze medal in the Junior Girls Doubles. The medals earned by the three girls gave Stratford enough points to give our school their first ever provincial title in any sport. Stratford in the 1999 Alberta Schools Athletic Association 2A Provincial Champions.

Cross Country Running

Stratford's Cross Country Running Team had one of its best seasons ever with approximately 10 members competing regularly. Loic Letailleur was the team's star performer, finishing amongst the top 12 Junior Boys at Zone competitions thus qualifying to represent Stratford at Provincials in Athabasca. Stephanie Stacey was the team's top female competitor, finishing in the top 20 at Zones in Junior Girls. It was a short but fun season, having so many Grade 10's on our team! Most memorable moments: Christy Davidson's shoe repeatedly falling off at Goldbar and Joseph Henke supporting passer-bys with words of motivation as he jogged to the finish line in the relay at Hawerlak Park. Here's to sending more than one provincial competitor next year!

Team Members: Loic Letailleur, Adam Mowat, Jackson Ho, Stephanie Stacey, Elissa Dombrosky, Christy Davidson, Kim Bradburn, Alex Witt, Joseph Henke, Sam Cheng, Paul Goebel, Giara Moss, Robbie Hryniowski, Jeremy Harper

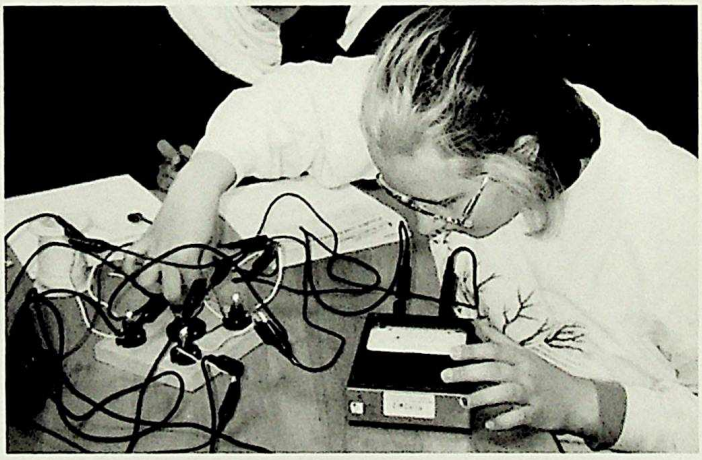
Staff Advisor: Mrs. Belyea

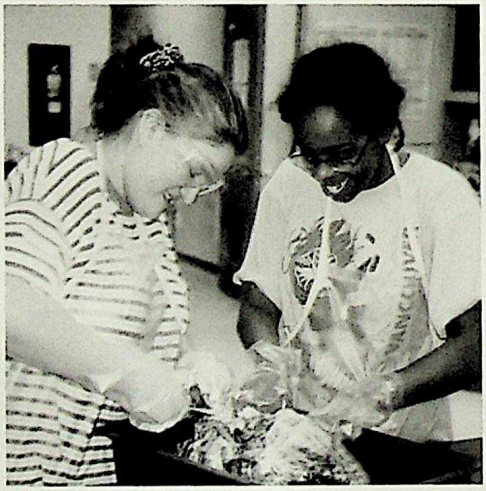


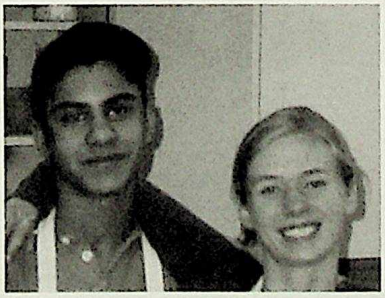
Left: Adam Mowatt, Giora Moss and Jackson Ho race through the pack.

Above right: Ellisa Dombrosky, Kim Bradburn, Paul Goebel, Sam Cheng, Christy Davidson, Mrs. Belyea, Stephanie Stacey and Joseph Henke - pose during a peaceful moment before a race.

Faces of Stratford







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"Gilligan is lost again?" (Matte Welke once again sets the fashion trends for the fall - what will he appear in next - stay tuned.)

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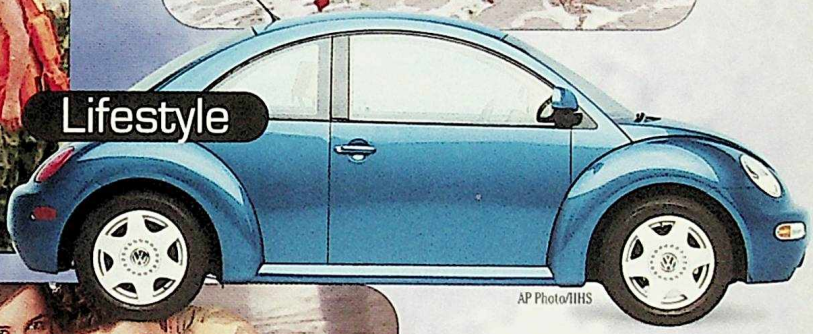

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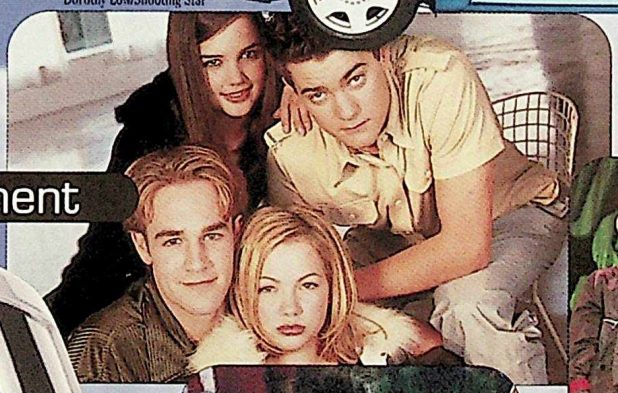

Dorothy Low/Shooting Star

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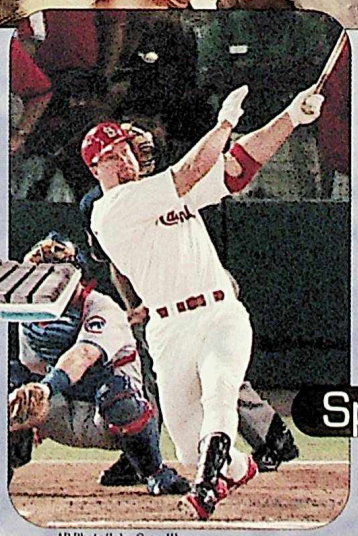

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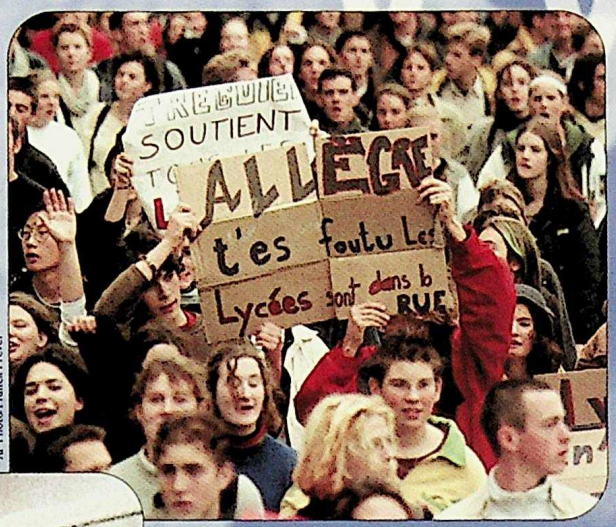
A total collapse of the Russian ruble sends world markets into chaos. Boris Yeltsin asks Viktor Chernomyrdin to head the government to help restore political and economic stability.



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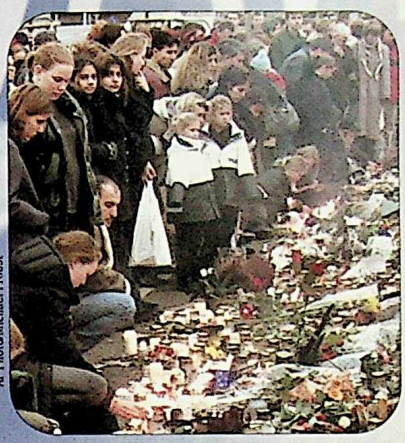
French high school students demand more teachers, better equipment and buildings and a lighter course load in an October protest in Paris. The French government designates $40 million annually over the next four years, as well as 1,000 new teaching posts.



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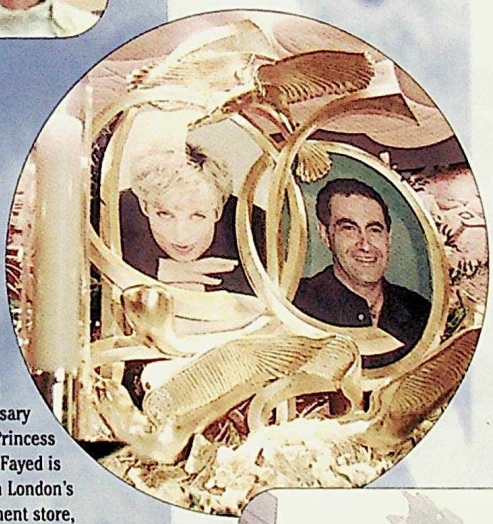
A discotheque fire in Goteborg, Sweden, kills 67 teens and injures several more, making it the deadliest fire in modern Swedish history. Arson is the suspected cause of the October fire.

Courtesy Partnership for a Drug Free America

After a U.N. drug summit in which 150 countries endorse an anti-drug campaign, the U.S. vows to spend an estimated $1 billion over the next five years on anti-drug advertising, corporate and civic partnerships and promotion.



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A memorial commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Princess Diana and Dodi Fayed is put on display in London's Harrods department store, which is owned by Dodi's father.

In a dangerous escalation of hostile feelings in the area, India begins nuclear bomb testing in response to Pakistan's testing of the Ghauri missile.

Baldev/Sygma

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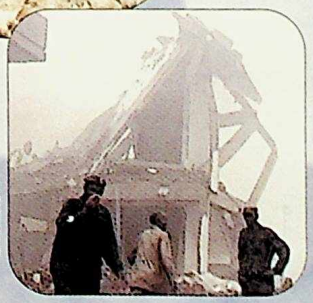
An enormous Millennium Clock is erected in New York City's garment district. The clock counts down the days, hours, minutes and seconds to the year 2000.



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In retaliation for the African embassy bombings, the U.S. attacks a suspected chemical weapons factory in the capital of Sudan and a terrorist training camp in Afghanistan, and launches a worldwide search for suspected mastermind Osama bin Laden.

World News

On August 7, powerful bombs explode outside the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania killing 248 people, including 12 Americans, and injuring more than 5,000.

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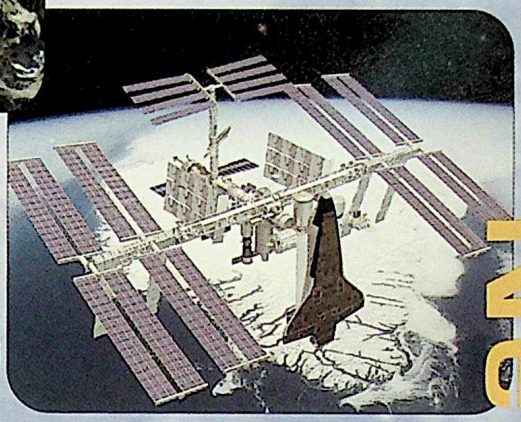
NASA and Russia will conduct 45 missions to launch and assemble the International Space Station *Alpha*. Set for completion by 2004, the station will be powered by almost an acre of solar panels and will weigh almost one million pounds.



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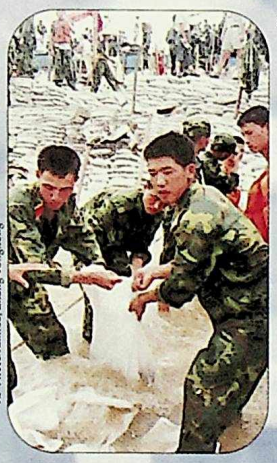
The remains of Czar Nicholas II and his family, killed in 1918 in Central Russia and buried in a mass grave, are exhumed and laid to rest in St. Petersburg.



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The worst summer flooding in China since 1954 kills 3,000 people, destroys 17 million homes and affects one-fifth of the country's population.

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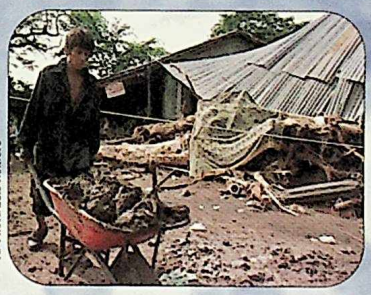
President Clinton becomes the first U.S. leader to visit China since the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989. Many criticize Clinton for his apparent leniency toward China's human rights restrictions.



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Hurricane Mitch ravages parts of Central America and kills more than 10,000 people, making it the second deadliest storm in the region's history.

After months of negotiations, Swiss banks and Jewish groups reach a $1.25 billion settlement in a lawsuit filed by thousands of Holocaust survivors to recover lost savings.

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On January 1, 1999, the euro debuts as the new currency in 11 European Common Market countries. It will be three more years before euro coins and cash are officially put into circulation.

Flash

John Hume and David Trimble, Northern Ireland's two main political party leaders, win the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the violence that has plagued the British province for three decades.

After a stop in Mexico City in January 1999, Pope John Paul II arrives in St. Louis, Missouri, and celebrates Mass with over 100,000 people in attendance.

In January 1999, an earthquake that measures 6.0 on the Richter scale hits Colombia killing over 1,000 people.

King Hussein of Jordan, 63, dies on February 7, 1999, of lymphatic cancer. Hussein's 47-year reign made him the Middle East's longest-serving leader.

National News

President Clinton becomes the second president in history to be impeached. The House of Representatives charges him with two counts of obstruction of justice and perjury. The Senate acquits Clinton after a five-week trial.

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In December, tragedy strikes the famed Canadian Snowbird military aerobatic team. Flying in close formation near Mitchellton, Saskatchewan, one pilot is killed when two of the Tudor jets are involved in a midair collision.

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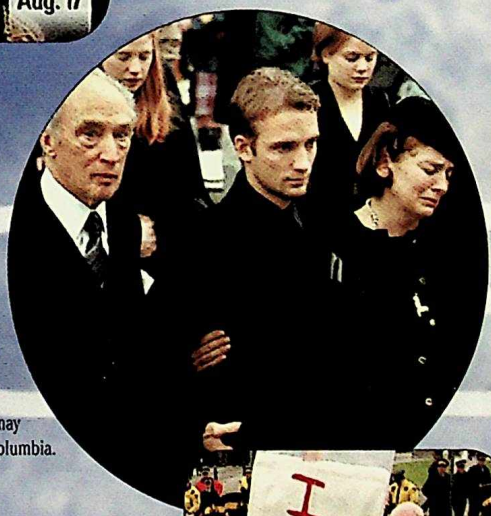
On September 2, Swissair Flight 111 crashes into the sea near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, killing all 229 passengers and crew aboard. A cockpit wiring fire is the suspected cause of the disaster.



Canadian Press, Ryan Remiorz

In November, 23-year-old Michel Trudeau son of former Prime Minister, Pierre Trudeau, is killed in an avalanche in the Kootenay Mountains of British Columbia.

At the Winter Games in Nagano, Japan, Canada wins 15 medals, including six gold medals. The team's fifth place finish overall makes it the best Olympic team in Canadian history.

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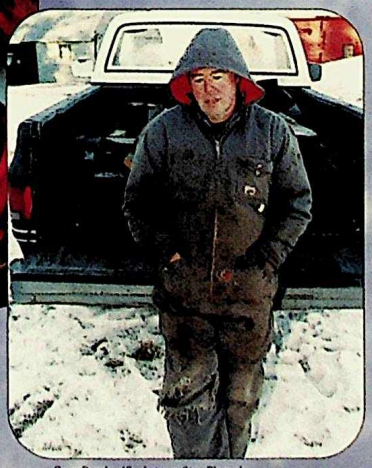

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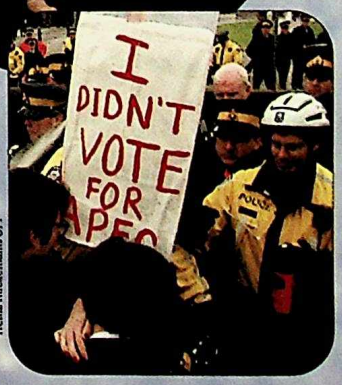
Saskatchewan farmer Robert Latimer, convicted killer of his severely disabled daughter, is resentenced to life imprisonment by the provincial Court of Appeal. Latimer's original two-year sentence, including only one year in jail, had sparked a national controversy.



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In November, the RCMP Public Complaints Commission begins an inquiry into allegations of police brutality against student protesters of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Vancouver the previous year. Hotly debated also is whether the Prime Minister's Office was involved.

National News

The Pacific Cat, a new high-speed car and passenger ferry, goes through its paces in Vancouver's Georgia Strait. The all-aluminum, twin-hulled vessel enters service in November.

Vancouver Sun, Bill Keay

A Titanic exhibit tours the U.S. featuring over 200 artifacts and displays chronicling the fateful ship's maiden voyage and tragic sinking.

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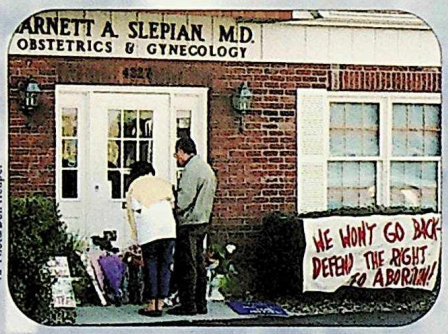
CP, Ryan Remiorz

In September, Air Canada's 2,100 pilots go on a 13-day strike for better wages and working conditions. It is the first strike in the airline's 60-year history.

Attacks intensify on abortion providers in upstate New York and Canada. In October, Dr. Barnett Slepian becomes the first fatality when a sniper's bullet strikes him in his Amherst, New York, home.



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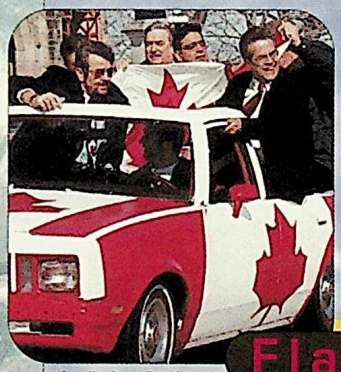
A weather balloon, launched in August in Saskatoon, lands in Hammarland, Finland, in September. The 25-story runaway balloon absorbs more than 1,000 rounds from military jet fighters trying to knock it out of the sky.



Canadian Press, Tom Hanson

To protest a Quebecois motion against flag waving in the House of Commons, several Reform MPs ride to Parliament in March in a car decorated as a Canadian flag.

Christine Lamont spends nine years in Brazilian jails after being convicted of kidnapping a Brazilian businessman in 1989. In November, Lamont is returned to Canada to finish her sentence.

AP Photo/Inacio Teixeira

An abandoned car at Iqaluit, Northwest Territories, marks the site of the capitol building for the new territory of Nunavut. The new territory will be governed by the Inuit people who make up 85% of its population.

Canadian Press, James Stevenson

Flash

Four hikers barely escape injury from gunfire at a firing range off Vancouver. The incident prompts Canadian forces to bar the US Navy from the range, pending an investigation of the incident.

In September, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission holds controversial hearings on new regulatory policy. At issue is the quantity of Canadian programming vs. American imports. The Canadian Association of Broadcasters vehemently opposes new regulations.

Science News

NASA

NASA's Lunar Prospector finds scattered pockets of ice beneath the lunar surface. The presence of water could enable astronauts to use the moon as a kind of space-based filling station.

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An analysis of Eastern Seaboard weather shows it really does rain more frequently on weekends than during the week, an average of 22 percent more. Automobile emission patterns are the suspected cause of the phenomenon.

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Columbia University graduate student Elizabeth Brannon and psychology professor Herbert Terrace demonstrate that monkeys can master simple arithmetic on at least the level of a two-year-old child.

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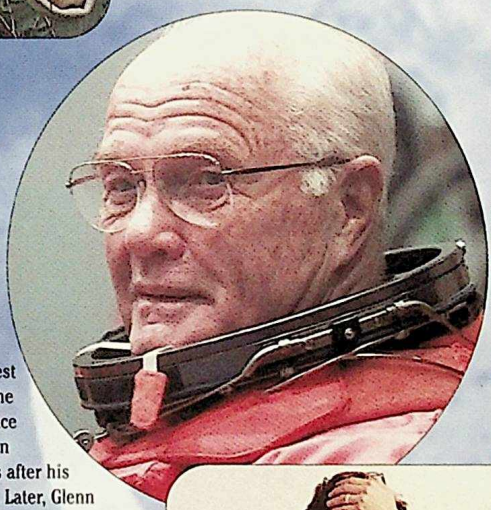
Apple's translucent aqua-blue iMac personal computer, its first consumer offering in years, is marketed mainly for Internet usage and, therefore, doesn't come with a disk drive. Its popularity soars and it soon becomes available in several other colors.



AP Photo/David J. Phillip

John Glenn, 77, becomes the oldest astronaut when he undertakes a space shuttle mission in October, 36 years after his first space flight. Later, Glenn retires from a 24-year career in the U.S. Senate.

The comet Tempel-Tuttle causes a meteor storm when it passes by Earth. The comet will be visible again in fall 1999, after which it won't reappear for another 32 years.

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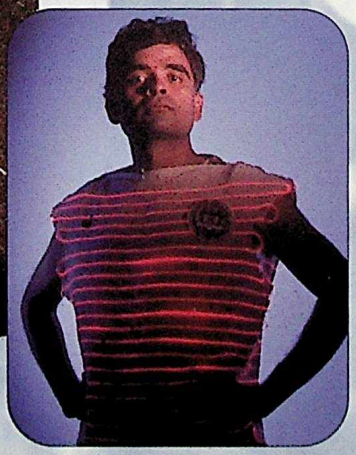
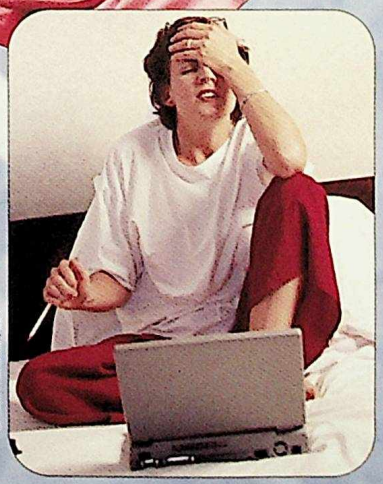


Michael A. Schwarz

A computerized T-shirt, woven with fiber optics and electrically conducted thread, may soon monitor the health of soldiers, rescuers, the elderly and others who are medically vulnerable.



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A study demonstrates that the more hours people spend on the Internet, the more depressed, stressed and lonely they feel.

Science News

The USDA announces that a 25-millisecond blast of 270-degree steam applied to meat kills 99.99 percent of the bacteria. This process follows the unpopular method of irradiation.

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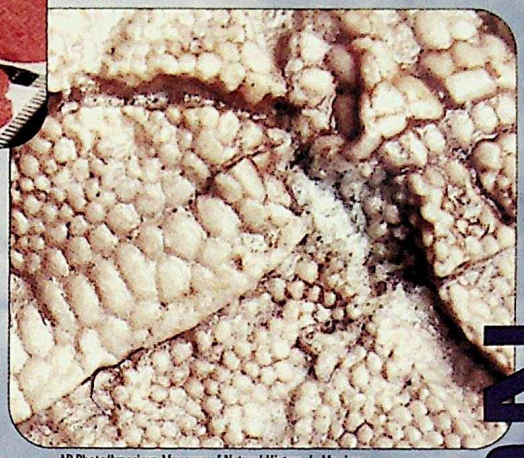
Paleontologists in Argentina discover thousands of shards of fossilized dinosaur eggs. Several shards contain the fossilized remains of unhatched embryos and their never-before-seen embryo skin.



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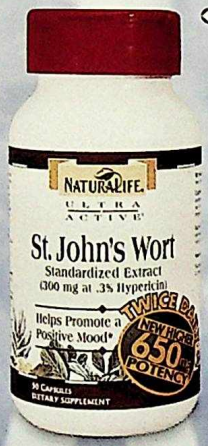
Chemistry professor Claude Yoder co-authors "Interactive Chemistry," a CD-ROM that uses animation to lead students through chemistry problems, eliminating the need for a textbook.

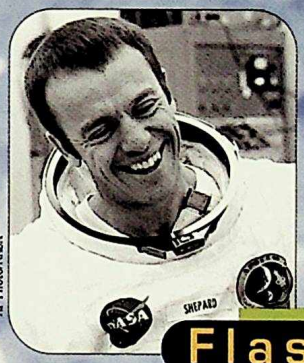


Duffin McGee/Reuters

The FDA withholds medical approval of St. John's Wort, the popular herbal supplement widely believed to relieve depression. However, American consumer demand has led to its use in everything from lipstick to potato chips.

Purdue University

Researchers discover a gene that may cause the aggressive behavior of "killer bees." This knowledge may help tame African bees, whose sting has deterred beekeepers from tending hives.



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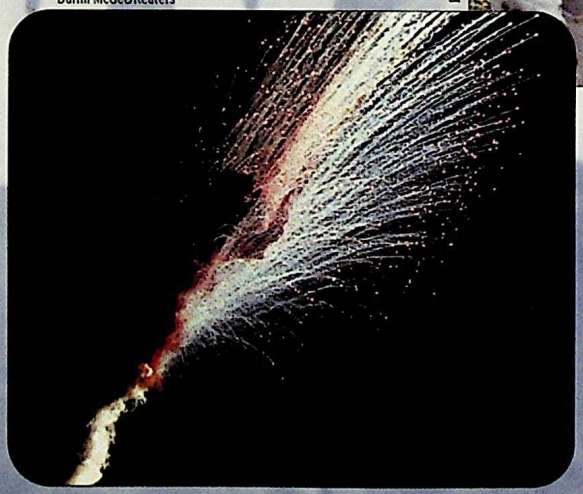
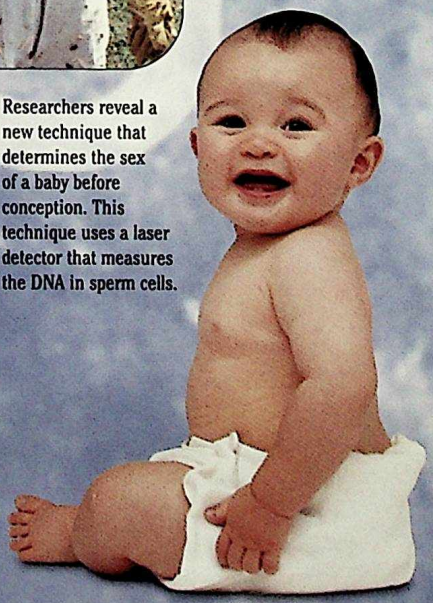
Alan Shepard, the first American in space, dies on July 22 at the age of 74.



On August 12, the $1 billion Titan 4 rocket explodes 42 seconds after liftoff. The rocket payload included a highly classified Defense Department satellite.



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Researchers reveal a new technique that determines the sex of a baby before conception. This technique uses a laser detector that measures the DNA in sperm cells.

Flash

Astronomers discover and photograph a planet outside our solar system that is about 450 light years away from Earth.

Alabama hairdresser Philip McCory discovers that human hair soaks up oil from water, which prompts NASA to investigate ways to use human hair to clean oil spills.

In August, renowned Houston heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley performs open-heart surgery which is broadcast live on the America's Health Network Internet web site.

David Scott, who lost his left hand in a fireworks accident, receives the first U.S. human hand transplant in January 1999. Scott has regained limited motion in his donor hand.

Lifestyle News

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A *USA Today* investigation reveals that many of the nation's safe drinking water regulations are not being enforced. The report reveals that even the worst violations have just a 1 in 10 chance of drawing legal action.

AP Photo/Koji Sasahara

Lovegety, a palm-sized matchmaking device, is the latest craze with Japanese teenagers. When it comes within 15 feet of another Lovegety, high-pitched beepers go off, lights flash, and the "love detectors" display whether the users' preset interests match. It's now available in the U.S.

PlayStation's® "Crash Bandicoot: WARPED" supersedes its popular predecessors. Also new is Crash's sister Coco who gallops along the Great Wall of China and cruises through enemy-infested waters.

AP Photo/Ed Bailey

Furby, the year's must-have interactive toy, has a vocabulary of 200 words in both English and its own language, "Furbish." Furby knows when it is being petted, when the lights go out, when music starts, and if there's another Furby in the room.

Kurt Duncan

Appearing in malls in 33 states, job kiosks dispense employment opportunities for interested applicants. Job seekers enter their skills and ambitions and the machine scans its database for a match.

WildEyes contact lenses feature several designs, including a starburst, black eight ball and cat's eyes. The $165 lenses come in prescription and non-prescription and don't interfere with eyesight.

AP Photo/Charles Dharapak

Consumer groups demand the recall of Olestra from the market, or at least the adoption of strict guidelines as to its use, after thousands of people become sick from eating the popular fat substitute. However, studies suggest that chips made with Olestra do not cause greater stomach problems than regular chips.

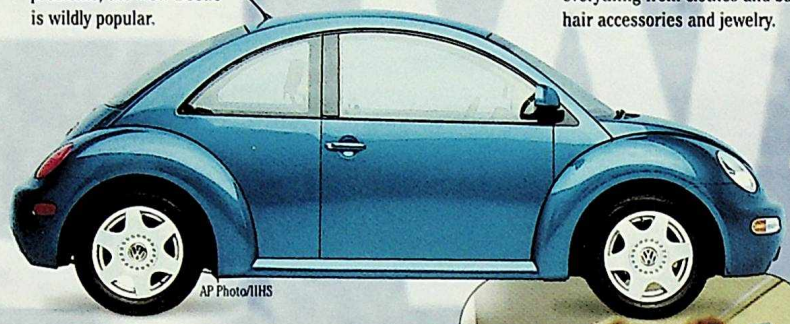
Lifestyle News

Paul A. Souders/© Corbis

As the need for toll-free numbers greatly increases, the 887 prefix joins the 800 and 888 prefixes already in use.

Butterflies and dragonflies are the hot motif in the fashion world appearing on everything from clothes and bags to hair accessories and jewelry.

A sleek, redesigned version of the '60s Volkswagen Beetle enters the market. Despite a May 1998 recall for wiring problems, the New Beetle is wildly popular.



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Cargo pants invade stores and become the must-have piece of apparel for teens across the nation.

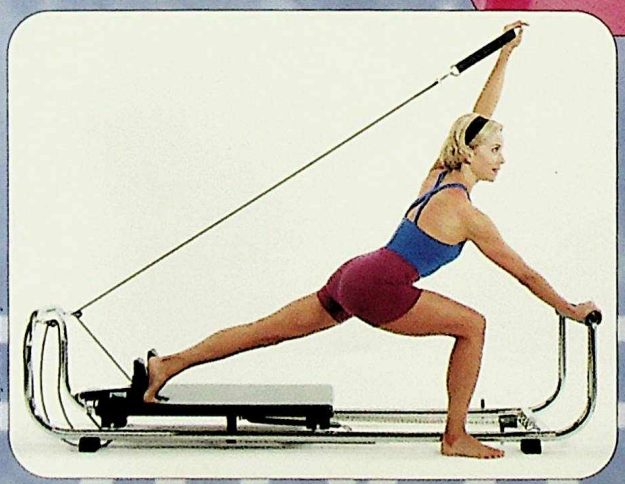
AP Photo/Susan Ragan

For $20-30 a day, trained professionals at dog and cat day cares will play with, read to, feed and pamper pets in their care.

Photo courtesy of Mr. Payroll Corporation

Mr. Payroll is the first ATM that can cash a check – even for someone without a bank account. The machine "memorizes" facial features and matches them with a social security number to verify the user's identity.

Pilates, a low-impact form of exercise that uses unique equipment and deep stretching techniques, becomes popular with men and women.



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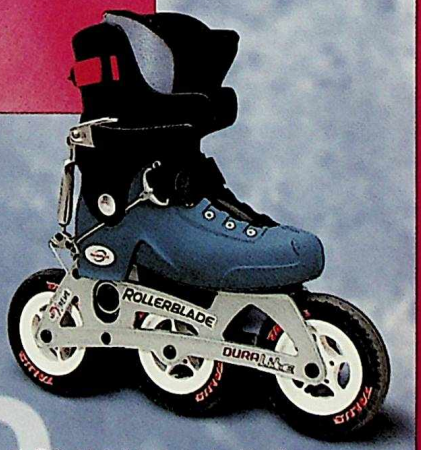

Rollerblade introduces durable, all-terrain in-line skates that can traverse dirt paths and rocky trails. The large-wheeled skates retail for a cool $600.

Flash

In hopes of reducing the divorce rate, the Florida legislature passes the nation's first law requiring that high school students be taught marital and relationship skills.

The average home Internet user spends 25 hours a year waiting for web pages to load.

Entertainment News

AP Photo/NBC, Jeff Katz

Heartthrob George Clooney announces 1998-99 will be his last season on NBC's award-winning television drama, "ER."

AP Photo/Reed Saxon

NBC's "Frasier" makes history by winning its fifth consecutive outstanding comedy series award at the 50th annual Emmy Awards. Kelsey Grammer, in the title role, wins his third Emmy as best comedy actor.

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In November, ABC's "Spin City" star Michael J. Fox, 37, reveals he has Parkinson's disease. Fox underwent brain surgery in March 1998 in an attempt to relieve severe tremors.

Radica Games

Trail Burner, a hand-held mountain bike racing game, uses motion sensors to turn corners and jump hills and water pits. Crashes make the handlebars vibrate.

AP Photo/Touchstone Pictures, HO

Adam Sandler stars in the surprise hit *The Waterboy*, which earns a record $39.1 million in its November opening weekend.

Tom Hanks stars in Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan*, an authentic recreation of World War II's D-Day. The film receives 11 Oscar nominations.

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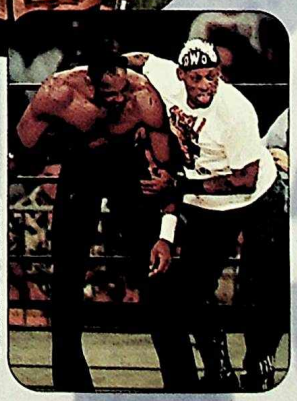
Britain's best Scrabble players commemorate the popular board game's 50th anniversary in October by playing in London's Wembley Stadium using letter tiles the size of dining tables.



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Karl Malone and Dennis Rodman face off in a World Championship Wrestling tag-team match. The event pits Rodman and Hollywood Hulk Hogan against Malone and Diamond Dallas Page.

Entertainment News

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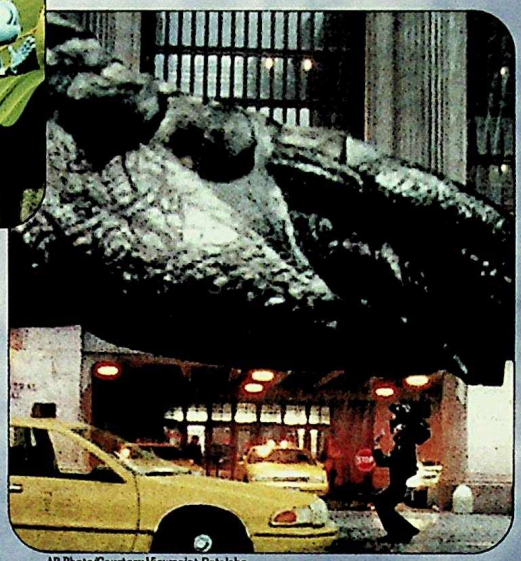
Walt Disney's *A Bug's Life* is one of at least 15 animated feature films that will flood the nation's theaters in the next two years.



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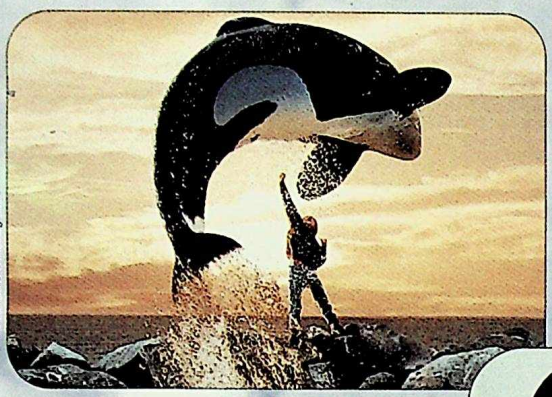
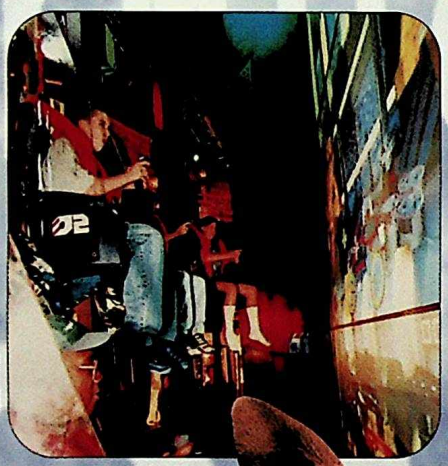
In May 1998, the much-anticipated movie *Godzilla* opens to disappointing reviews and box office numbers. The epic leaves theaters quickly.



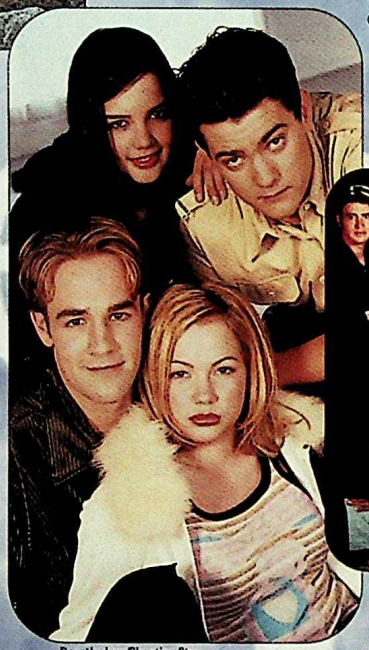
Warner Bros./Shooting Star

In June, Keiko arrives in his native Iceland to begin his assimilation to his new surroundings. The move concludes a four-year campaign to release the five-ton star of the movie *Free Willy*.



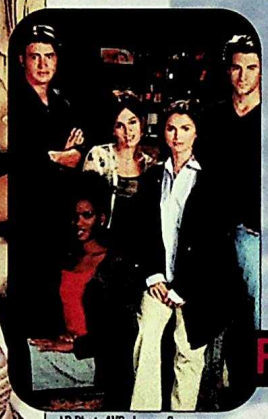
GameWorks

Players of Vertical Reality, a combination video game and amusement ride, shoot at moving targets on a 24-foot-tall screen and sit in chairs that rise with each successful hit. The winner rides to the top for a grand view.



Dorothy Low/Shooting Star

The wildly popular stars of The WB network's "Dawson's Creek" hit the big screen, filming eight feature films during hiatus. Magazine covers by *TV Guide*, *Seventeen* and *Interview* fuel the craze.



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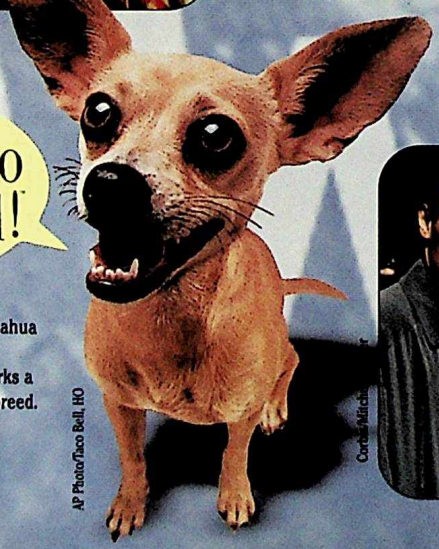
The coming-of-age drama "Felicity" quickly gains popularity with teens. The WB show revolves around a young woman and her new experiences at college.



AP Photo/Taco Bell, HO

Taco Bell's talking Chihuahua becomes a favorite teen advertising icon and sparks a surge of interest in the breed.

Corbis/Mitch

Actor Rick Schroder replaces Jimmy Smits on ABC's "NYPD Blue." The fate of Smits' character in his last episode – he dies when a heart transplant fails — became a source of nationwide speculation.

Flash

Megastars Bruce Willis and Demi Moore announce their separation in June after almost 11 years of marriage.

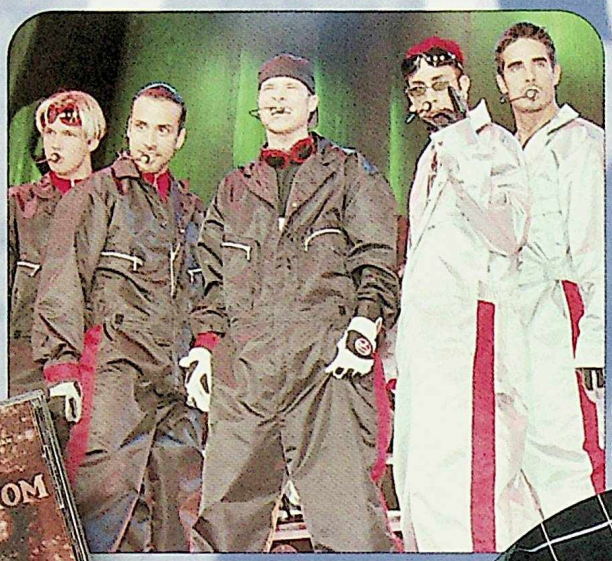
The American Film Institute rates the top 100 movies of the 20th century. The top ten include:
Citizen Kane, 1941
Casablanca, 1942
The Godfather, 1972
Gone With the Wind, 1939
Lawrence of Arabia, 1962
The Wizard of Oz, 1939
The Graduate, 1967
On the Waterfront, 1954
Schindler's List, 1993
Singin' in the Rain, 1952

Fans flock to theaters to see the two-minute trailer for *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* and many leave without staying to watch the main attraction. The prequel to the wildly popular Star Wars trilogy opens in May 1999.

Music News

OROP/Shooting Star

Singer and actor Frank Sinatra dies at the age of 82 on May 14, 1998.



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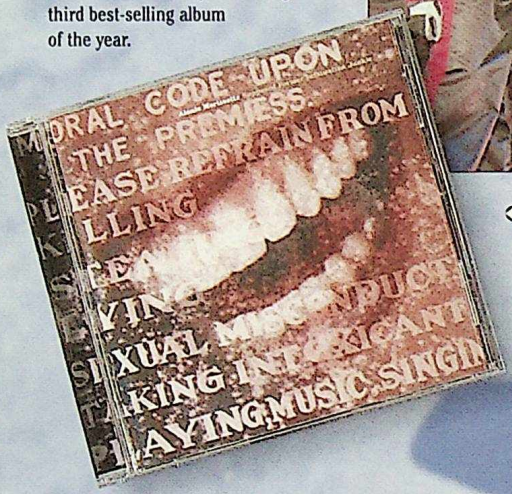
Thanks in part to their 42-city tour, The Backstreet Boys' self-titled album sells nine million copies making it the third best-selling album of the year.

Sharp and Sony introduce portable MiniDisc recorders. This digital alternative to audiocassettes records customized music compilations and doesn't skip when bumped.



Alanis Morissette's new album, *Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie*, is released in November and vaults to No. 1. The album sells 469,000 copies in the first week.

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In January 1999, the group 'N Sync wins Favorite New Pop/Rock Artist at the American Music Awards.

The Dixie Chicks' *Wide Open Spaces* is the fastest-selling debut album by a country music group. The group wins the Vocal Group of the Year award from the Country Music Association.

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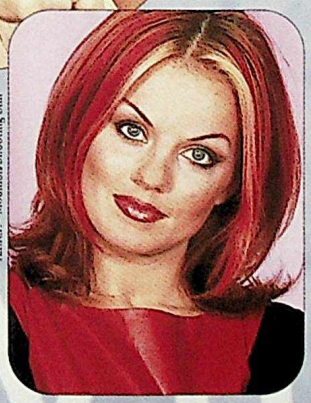
Sarah McLachlan, founder of the Lilith Fair tours, wins four Juno Awards from the Canadian Music Association, including Best Album and Female Vocalist of the Year.



A.P.R.F. - Mouillon/Shooting Star

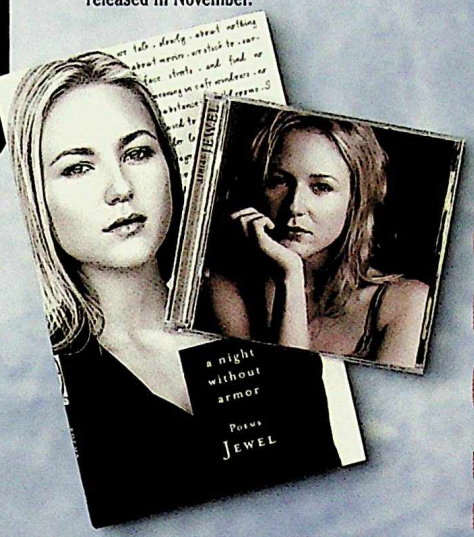
Spice Girl Geri Halliwell, better known as Ginger Spice, announces in May 1998 that she is leaving the popular group for creative reasons.

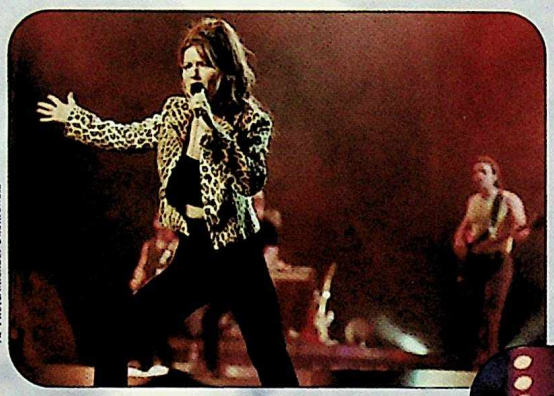
MusiNews

Swing dancing makes a big comeback with the help of music from bands like Cherry Poppin' Daddies (shown) and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.

AP Photo/File

Jewel scores on two fronts. Her book of poetry, *A Night Without Armor,* makes the New York Times best-seller list, and her album, *Spirit*, is released in November.





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Shania Twain wins the Favorite Female Country Artist award at the American Music Awards and receives six Grammy nominations.

Reuters/Steve Marcus/Archive Photos

The popularity of Lauryn Hill's album *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill* leads to 10 Grammy nominations, the most for any female artist in history. Hill kicks off a worldwide tour in January 1999.

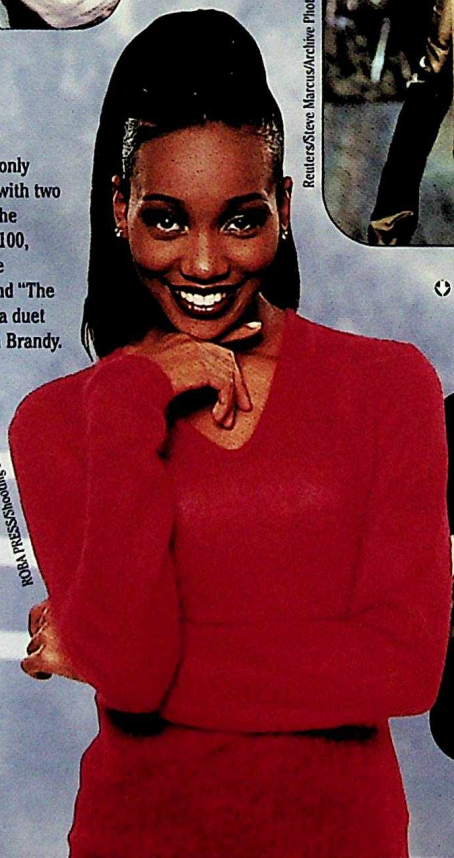
Reuters/Steve Marcus/Archive Photos

Natalie Imbruglia wins Breakthrough Artist honors at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Her album, *Left of the Middle*, features hits "Torn" and "Wishing I Was There."

AP Photo/The Hamilton Spectator, Scott Gardner

Aerosmith's "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing," from the movie *Armageddon*, becomes the group's first single to hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* Hot 100 charts.

Monica is the only artist in 1998 with two No. 1 hits on the *Billboard* Hot 100, including "The First Night" and "The Boy Is Mine," a duet she sings with Brandy.



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In November, Garth Brooks' new album *Double Live* enjoys first-day sales of over 500,000 copies, the industry's best one-day tally. Brooks makes special TV and Wal-Mart closed-circuit TV appearances to promote the release.

AP Photo/GB Management, Jenny Yates

Flash

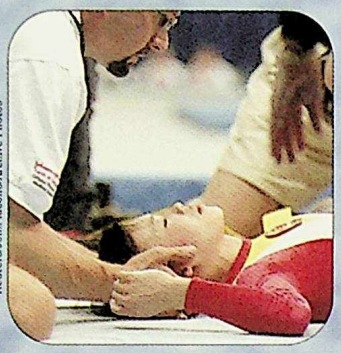
Psychologists discover a connection between musical training and verbal memory. Children trained to play a musical instrument grow up to have 16 percent better word memory than other adults.

Ontario's own Shania Twain wins 11 major awards in 1998, including six Canadian Country Music Association awards, a Juno, three Billboard Music awards, and an American Music award.

Whitney Houston's *My Love Is Your Love* is her first studio album in eight years. The album includes the hit duet with Mariah Carey entitled "When You Believe."

Actor/rapper Will Smith wins three American Music Awards, including Favorite Pop/Rock Album, Favorite Soul/R&B Album and Favorite Soul/R&B Male Artist.

Sports News



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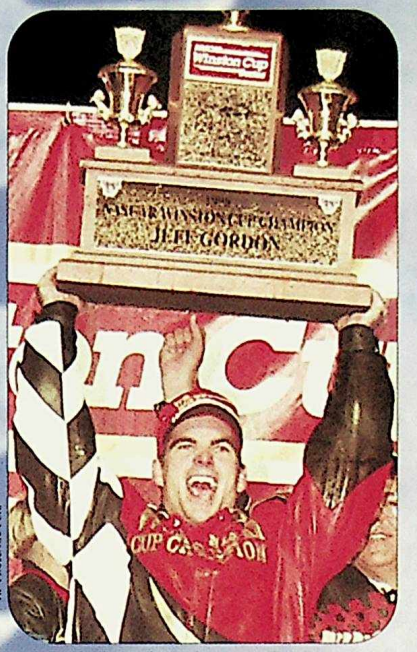
Sang Lan, China's 17-year-old gymnastics champion, breaks two vertebrae during a vault at the Goodwill Games in July, leaving her paralyzed from the chest down.

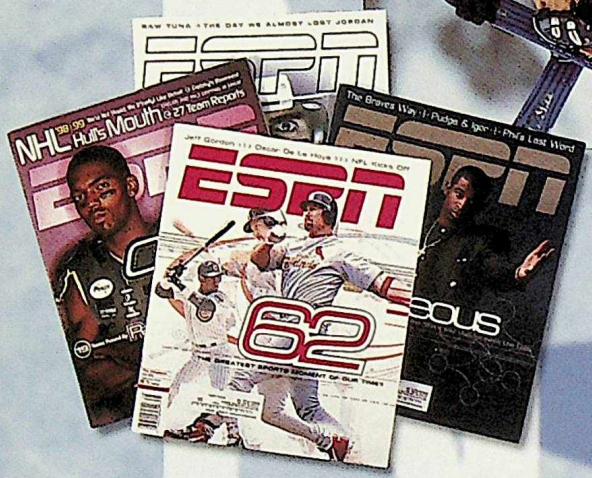
Mike Powell/Allsport

Skiboards, short skis with twin tips that allow forward and backward jumping, debut in competition at the 1998 ESPN Winter X Games.

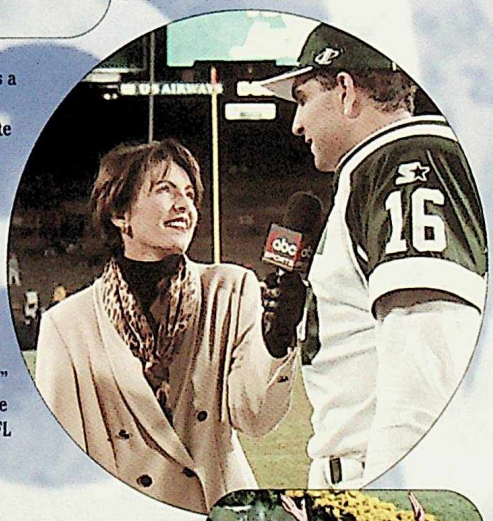


AP Photo/Ric Feld

Jeff Gordon wins the NASCAR Winston Cup for a second year in a row. Gordon, 27, is the youngest driver to win three Winston Cup championships.



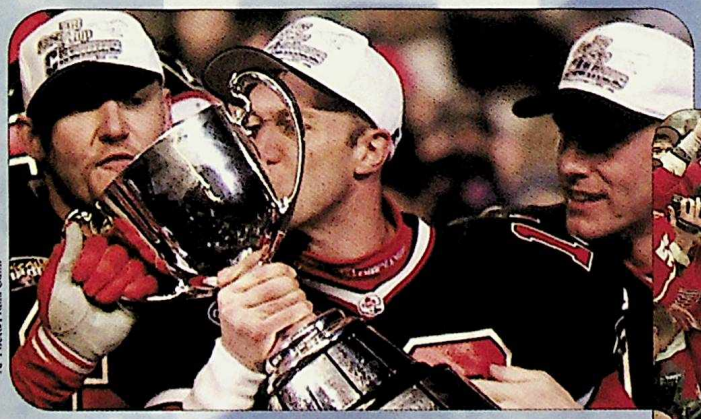
In March 1998, ESPN launches a large-format sports magazine, *ESPN The Magazine*, to compete with *Sports Illustrated*.



Ida Mae Astute/ABC

ABC's Lesley Visser becomes the first woman to report from the sidelines during "Monday Night Football," the 1998 Super Bowl, the NCAA Final Four and NFL playoff games.

The Calgary Stampeders win the 1998 Grey Cup with an exciting 26-24 victory over the Hamilton Tiger Cats. A Mark McLoughlin field goal on the game's final play gives Calgary the championship.



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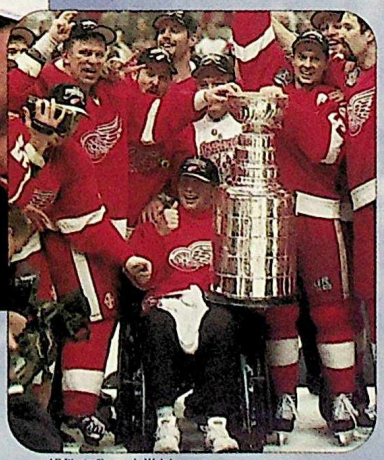

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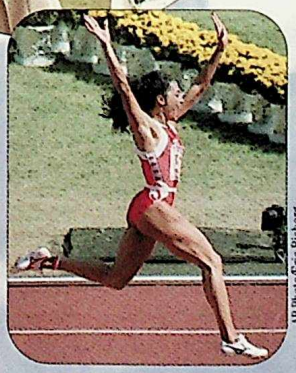
Defending champion Detroit Red Wings win the 1998 Stanley Cup championship, beating the Washington Capitals 4-1. Defenseman Vladimir Konstantinov, severely injured in a car accident after last year's Stanley Cup win, joins the celebration.



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Flamboyant sprinter Florence Griffith Joyner (FloJo), triple gold medalist at the 1988 Olympics, dies at age 38 in her sleep, of suffocation during an epileptic seizure.

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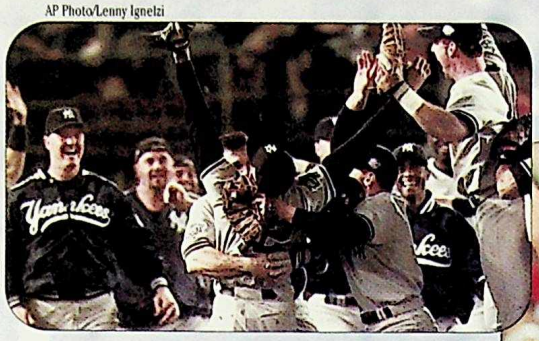
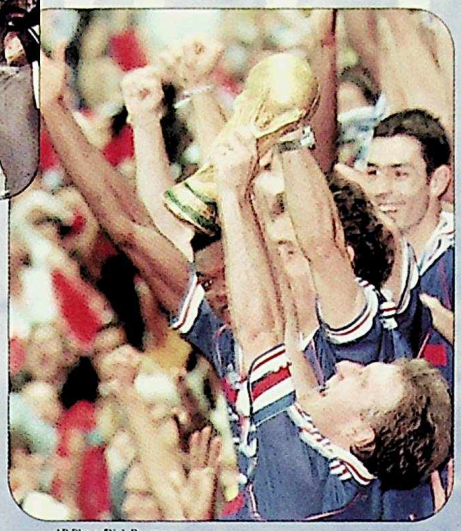


In a 4-0 sweep against the San Diego Padres, the New York Yankees win the 1998 World Series to claim their 24th championship. The Yankees' 125 total victories is a modern baseball record.

In July, France beats Brazil 3-0 to win its first World Cup soccer title. During celebrations, a motorist drives through the crowd on the Champs-Elysées and injures 60 people.



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Lindsay Davenport, 22, defeats Martina Hingis in the U.S. Open in September and becomes the No. 1-ranked player in the world.

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St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire hits home run number 62 on September 8, breaking the record set by Roger Maris in 1961. McGwire ends the season with 70 home runs.

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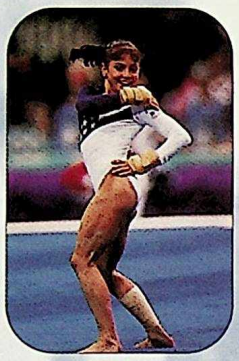
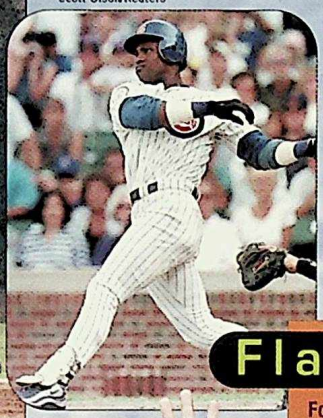


Olympic gymnast Dominique Moceanu is declared a legal adult after suing her parents, alleging they squandered her earnings and oppressed her for years. Later, Moceanu is granted a protective order against her father for stalking her.

Scott Olson/Reuters



On September 13, Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs also breaks Roger Maris' record with his single-season 62nd home run. Sosa ends the season with 66 home runs.

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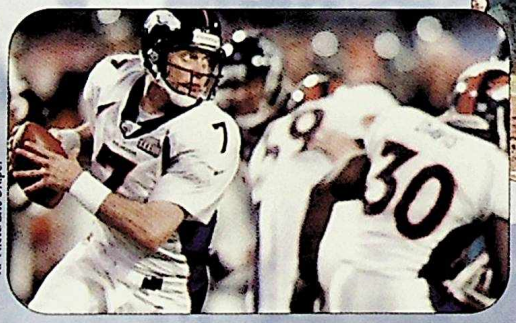
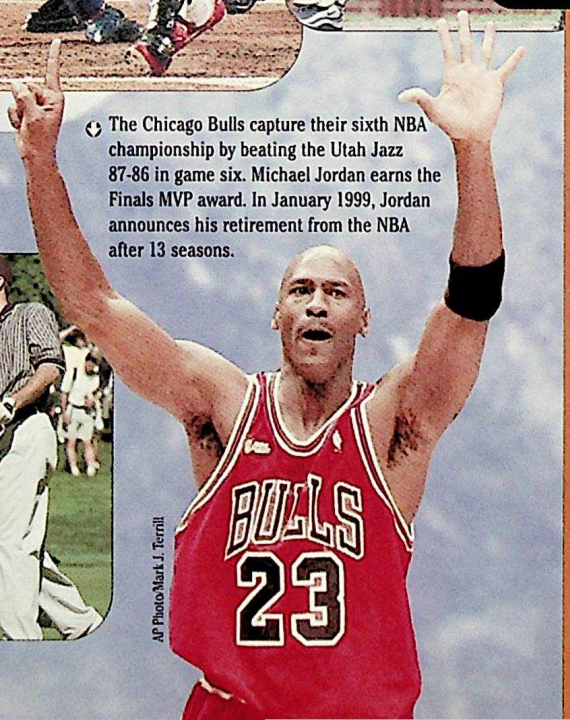


The defending champion Denver Broncos meet the upstart Atlanta Falcons at Super Bowl XXXIII in Miami. The Broncos win 34-19.

The Chicago Bulls capture their sixth NBA championship by beating the Utah Jazz 87-86 in game six. Michael Jordan earns the Finals MVP award. In January 1999, Jordan announces his retirement from the NBA after 13 seasons.



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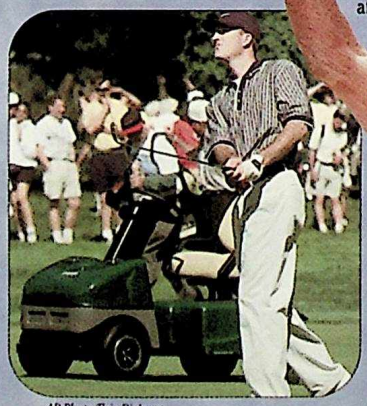
Golfer Casey Martin, who suffers from a circulatory disorder in his right leg, wins a lawsuit allowing him to use a cart during PGA and Nike golf tournaments.



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For the second time, Montreal Allouettes running back, Mike Pringle, is named the Canadian Football League's outstanding player. Pringle, who also won in 1995, rushed for over 2000 yards in 1998, the first CFL runner ever to reach that plateau.

NBA owners impose a lockout on July 1 that causes almost half the '98 -'99 basketball season to be lost. The labor dispute is settled on January 6.

Tennis star Pete Sampras wins his fifth Wimbledon title and remains the world's No. 1 player for a record sixth straight year, breaking Jimmy Connors' mark for consecutive seasons on top.

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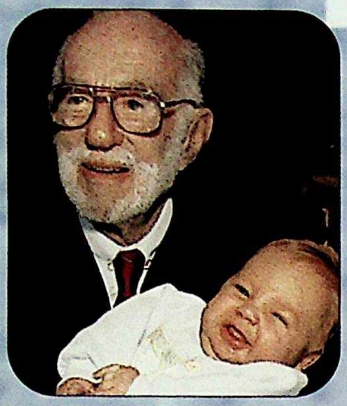

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World-famous pediatrician, Dr. Benjamin Spock, dies in March at the age of 94. Spock's landmark book, "Baby and Child Care," sold more than 50 million copies and was translated into 39 languages.

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Fifty-six-year-old Linda McCartney, photographer, animal rights activist and wife of famed Beatle Paul, dies of breast cancer on April 17, 1998.

Karl Gehring/Denver Post

Seventeen-year-old Katie Hnida is named Chatfield Senior High School's Homecoming Queen as well as starting kicker for the varsity football team. The No. 1-ranked kicker in the state of Colorado, Hnida hopes to play Division I college football next year.

Emilie Sommer/Cape Cod Times

After dropping out of the third grade in 1902 to care for her 11 younger siblings, retired nanny and housekeeper Eugenie Garside finally receives her high school diploma at age 98.

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NBC's "News Radio" star and former "Saturday Night Live" cast member Phil Hartman dies from a gunshot wound inflicted by his wife in May 1998.

AP Photo/Deb Halberstadt

Beloved puppeteer Shari Lewis dies of cancer on August 2. Her creations include her trademark Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse.

Hirofumi "The Tokyo Terror" Nakajima (right), reigning world hot dog eating champion, eats 19 hot dogs and buns in 12 minutes to win the annual Nathan's Famous Fourth of July Hot Dog Eating Contest.

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Olympic gold medalist figure skater Tara Lipinski takes part in an anti-tobacco rally with area school children on Capitol Hill in May 1998. The rally is sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

Flash

Canadian Tobin Belanger escorts a mannequin to his high school prom. He names her Jen, picks out her dress and corsage and arrives in a limousine.

Minnesotan David Weinlick "advertises" for a wife and chooses pharmacy student Elizabeth Runze from 23 hopefuls who travel to the Mall of America in Minneapolis for the event. Runze and Weinlick marry the same day.

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